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# Study of music in harmony with

by Kathleen Kennedy

*(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles on departments in the college.)*

Increasingly, for good or ill, education is a means to a job. The goal of vocational training—to prepare skilled workers—has infiltrated the ivied towers of liberal arts colleges, and many students regard traditional liberal arts disciplines as luxuries or, worse, as irrelevant to life.

Music was one of the original liberal arts, and musical understanding was one of the marks of a well-educated man in both ancient and medieval societies. But a knowledge and understanding of music is not the same as "knowing what I like," or listening with half an ear to the continuous beat of recorded music in stores, cars, shopping malls or even on the streets of Orange City. Yet this pervasiveness of music hints at its importance to human life.

It is the task of musical education in a liberal arts college to develop in students a deeper understanding of what music is for, even though it might not add to their job marketability.

Northwestern's Professor Ronald

Toering believes this task is especially a responsibility of a Christian college, because God calls Christians to develop the whole person—his or her thinking, feeling and acting. Toering sees the arts as a key way to develop feelings.

"Everyone has an aesthetic awareness," he argues. "We can all feel deeply, though some are more talented than others... One of my priorities in selecting music for students is how it will develop their aesthetic sensitivity.

"I am coming to the realization," he continues, "that developing the aesthetic potential of students is the primary intent of the liberal arts experience in music. It is in this process, then, that we expose them to music from all the historical periods, as well as music from the current century, and try by our selection to give them an idea of what is good."

Professor Rodney Jiskoot says, "God created us with senses, and expects us to discern good art and bad art, and then to return (the good) to him as a way of glorifying him and praising him for his creation."

But our culture's preoccupation with science and technology are forcing disciplines such as music or philosophy

to reassert their place in a liberal arts education. Professor Kimberly Utke Schouten feels that the reason for the fading of interest in musical education is partly the musicians' fault and partly the culture's fault.

"We have always wanted to preserve the relics of the past," she explains. "While that itself is not bad, we have not always kept abreast of the evolution of contemporary music, and so we find ourselves not speaking the language of the present, the language of the mass culture. Most students relate to the radio, to Michael Jackson, while we're still playing Beethoven and Bach."

The answers, these professors would argue, is not to abandon the music of the past, but to incorporate contemporary music into the search for musical and aesthetic understanding.

"I believe very strongly," Toering states, "that there is good rock, good Christian gospel, good jazz, good ragtime, good hymns, and so on. But I also believe that, in many of the popular forms, students have not applied checks and balances to determine what is good and acceptable. It ends up being what is familiar. I'm not sure if it is possible for us to articulate all these



## traditional liberal arts curriculum

things for students, but it is possible at least, by our choice of music, to give them some idea of what one person thinks is good."

The two components of Northwestern's music program—academic courses and performing groups—are both essential to the development of students' musical sensitivity. The performing groups also contribute to the cultural vitality of the college and community, and are the major representatives of Northwestern to churches and communities farther afield.

Students can participate in A cappella Choir, Heritage Singers, Chapel Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Symphonette, as well as in several smaller "special occasion" ensembles. A continuing difficulty for small colleges that maintain a number of groups is that the pool of singers or instrumentalists from which to draw is not large. For example, Professor Herbert Ritsema is playing the tuba in the band this year because there are not enough tuba players on campus.

However, the smallness of a college can benefit students who want to participate in several groups. Utke Schouten points out that at the Univer-

sity of Iowa, for example, students can belong to only one group because the demands of groups conflict with each other. Rehearsals at Northwestern, by contrast, are scheduled to permit talented students to belong to more than one group.

The choirs and bands perform throughout the year, at such events as Parents' Day, Christmas Vespers services, Commencement and special chapel services. For the A cappella Choir, Heritage Singers and Concert Band, the performing peaks of the year are their annual spring tours, which may vary in length from five to 10 days, depending on the destination. Last year the band went to the West Coast, and several years ago the Heritage Singers travelled to Europe. The department is also exploring the possibility of taking the 18-member Heritage Singers and a brass or woodwind ensemble on tour, since a small group can travel more easily than the full choir or band. This past fall, the Heritage Singers performed at a Renaissance symposium at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Next year, the concert band will celebrate its 25th anniversary, and band conductor Toering hopes an alumni band can be

assembled for the occasion.

Although some might not consider the work of performing groups a part of the curriculum, Toering takes issue with the notion that these groups are "just activities," lacking the reflective aspect of academic courses. "I stand by the fact that it is the **experience** of music that determines its intrinsic worth, and the way to develop aesthetically is to do more of it. . . The musical experience has to be first and last. When you first sight read music, you experience it. Then you delve into it, polish it, analyze it, interpret it, then re-experience it, re-enact it. And without the re-enactment, music is not aesthetically pleasing," he says.

Recently, the heart of the music curriculum has been streamlined, as part of the college's planned curriculum changes. This change will be implemented in the 1986-87 school year. The new curriculum is geared to music education majors, and has been divided into two streams, one emphasizing vocal instruction, the other instrumental instruction. The department has also developed a reduced music major to be combined with an elementary education major, which will satisfy the desire of





**Members of the choir**

many education majors to be trained to teach music. "The state allows teachers to teach with a music minor," Utke Schouten explains, "but we don't think they are as well prepared, so we've instituted a combined major, and I think it will be a real asset to our program."

There are about 15 music majors, fewer than in the past. The reduction is a consequence of the decline in the number of teachers being hired and of school cutbacks in such "extra" programs as music and art. However, Ritsema points out, the number of students participating in music, whether through courses or performing groups, has grown. A course in American traditional and popular music he began teaching last year has attracted students who might have otherwise avoided music courses. This class drew 24 students last year, and its enrollment had to be closed at 46 this year.

The music minor continues to be popular for majors in religion and English as well as education. And there are three pre-professional programs for students who want to specialize in music of the church, pre-music therapy, or music performance.

The quality of Northwestern's music

program can be assessed in part by the success of its graduates. In recent years, four graduates have gone on to the University of Iowa for graduate work. One of these, who is studying choral music, wrote the most outstanding entrance exam in choral music that has ever been written by a master's candidate. A University of Iowa professor told Utke Schouten, "If you have any more like these students, send them down here."

Teacher placement has been fairly successful recently. Utke Schouten hopes that in the long run many graduates can be placed in nearby schools so that they, in turn, can promote Northwestern's program and encourage students to attend the college.

The music faculty actively recruits students, making calls and visiting high schools to audition students eligible for the 10 music scholarships the college offers. Utke Schouten, for example, as department chairwoman, recently sent out 600 letters to potential students. The faculty also gives workshops and master classes, and judges contests at Iowa schools—a more indirect form of recruitment.

Besides the curriculum, there are perhaps two major factors in selling a

program to prospective students: faculty and facilities. Northwestern's faculty is praiseworthy; its facilities are not.

"One of the strengths of our music department (not to toot our own horn)," maintains Jiskoot, "is that for a school of this size, we have a very qualified and diverse music faculty." The five full-time faculty members have different specialties, so that, for the most part, they teach in their areas of expertise—a situation one cannot take for granted at small Christian colleges.

Ritsema, a member of the faculty since 1961, has a doctorate in music theory; Jiskoot's doctorate is in keyboard instruments; Utke Schouten is near completion of her doctorate in conducting; Charles Canaan (on leave this academic year to work on a doctorate) specializes in vocal music; and Toering has a doctorate in trumpet performance, with expertise in brass and woodwind instruments. (One shortcoming of Northwestern's location far from a metropolitan area is that it deprives the music department of access to instrumentalists from which to draw part-time faculty for teaching advanced instrumental students—all the more reason to appreciate the diversity that the faculty has.)

There is, however, little to appreciate about Northwestern's music facilities. Ritsema, who formerly conducted the band, explains the problem: "When we bring high school students in to recruit them, and we show them the band room, for example, it is embarrassing because they come from high schools with huge band rooms with risers that are designated for band rehearsals, whereas ours is a converted classroom."

Toering observes that it is not possible to work on the balance of the instruments' sound in the rehearsal room because the acoustics are so bad. Students tend to strain when playing in order to hear themselves, resulting in a strident tone. He must be content to postpone balancing until the band can rehearse in the hall in which it is to perform. Quite often it must perform in the chapel, which is too small to do justice to the band's sound.

The choral groups face similar problems in rehearsing and performing. Soundproofed rehearsal and applied-music classrooms do not exist, as a walk through the music floor in Van Peurse Hall reveals. The overlapping sounds that convey a sense of vitality to

the casual listener are an annoyance or worse to those forced, for example, to concentrate on a piano score with the sound of the band's rehearsal as background music.

The end of these conditions is in sight, however, in the current fundraising drive for a chapel/performing arts center. Ritsema calls the prospect of this completed project a "giant leap forward." He recalls: "Rod Jiskoot and I have served on three or four chapel-planning committees, and each time the blueprints got thrown in the wastebasket. It has been a series of frustrations for us as music people. But it now sounds reasonably sure that we will have a music facility."

"It's long overdue," states Jiskoot. "It's amazing to me that we have any music majors, because, if I were a serious young student in music, all I'd have to do is see these facilities and think that this school is not very serious about its music program."

"If a school is going to include music

in its curriculum," he continues, "there is only one way to go, and that is to make the program very attractive. The only schools that are going to survive in the music area are those that have, in addition to a fine faculty, fine facilities. . . If we were not planning this (new chapel) we would get washed out."

Fortunately, the plans have been drawn and the fundraising is underway. For the past several months, Jiskoot has been working on the purchase of an organ for the chapel—one of the single most critical decisions. He says that an organ designer has been chosen, and details of the new instrument have been determined. (The money for the organ has been given by the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, California, in honor of Arvella Schuller.) The organ designer is Jan van Daalen, a Dutchman who lives in Minneapolis, but whose factory is located in The Netherlands. He has built hundreds of

organs in Europe and the U.S.

The organ chosen is of French Romantic design; this contrasts with the organ at American Reformed Church in Orange City (currently used for recitals) which is of neo-Baroque German style. The availability of these two different styles of organ will allow students to learn and perform the repertoire of the two greatest periods of organ music on instruments that suit the music.

The dream of a new chapel/performing arts center animates the entire music faculty. They realize that it will help them recruit more students, which will in turn enable them to enrich the program, improve the quality of performances, and, in the future, realize other dreams, such as the formation of an orchestra.

Their expectation is akin to a high school student awaiting the arrival of her date: they're all dressed up, in hopes that they'll have some place to go!

(Cover photos and photos for this article by Katy Hansen)





Baiko's main campus in the center of Shimonoseki, Japan.

# Partners in International Education

**By: Dr. Lyle VanderWerff,  
Professor of Religion**

Northwestern College has embarked on an unique venture in international and cross-cultural education. She has entered a partnership with Baiko Jo Gakuin of Shimonoseki, Japan! Both of these Christian institutions of higher education have sought a global perspective consistent with their Reformed roots and a century of educational experience.

This sister-college relationship was initiated by Dr. Gordon Laman, Reformed Church missionary, who is a trustee of Baiko and presently professor at Union Theological Seminary, Tokyo, and myself. Chancellor Shinjiro Hirotsu and President Friedhelm Radandt com-

pleted the agreement by correspondence between the two colleges in 1979. The arrival of Baiko students at Northwestern and the sending of Northwestern graduates to teach English at Baiko have sealed the bond between the two schools. Having served as a liaison for five years, I was privileged to represent Northwestern at a consultation held at Shimonoseki in July, 1984, with Professors Shigehisu Yoshizu and Aratu Togeguchi. The insights and projections of this conference were affirmed by the administrative officers of Baiko and Northwestern.

Both schools insist that cross-cultural awareness is a must for those being educated for our times. Such a program is mandated not simply by the oft-cited economic, social, and political factors

of our shrinking world, but by the love of God in Christ Jesus and the vision of his coming kingdom (Gen. 12:3; Isa. 54-66; Matt. 8:11; Col. 1:15-20; Eph. 1-2; Rev. 11:15).

This vision of the renewal of human life in Christ gives incentive and energy to the educational enterprise. Not only does the truth about God, man and creation find fullest expression in Christ, but humanity is given new hope. In Christ, the centuries of ignorance and alienation that divide peoples can be overcome, and by God's gracious Spirit, persons, peoples, cultures and creation itself can be transformed.

International perspective is vital for our graduates if they are to share in the mission of being a blessing to all the



families of the earth, developing empathetic understanding of persons in other cultures, transcending the limitations of our own cultural context, and strengthening the church worldwide.

Our sister institution, Baiko, is a cluster of women's schools which includes a kindergarten of about 300, Jr.-Sr. high schools of about 1,200, a junior college of about 1,200 and a senior college of 800, together with a small graduate school. Its origin and history are as intriguing as those of Northwestern. Its roots go back to 1872 when RCA missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Henry Stout opened a school at Nagasaki to educate women and ground them in Christianity and English. The school was named Umegaski. In 1914, while Tokichi Hirotsu was its principal, the school was merged with another school in Yamaguchi named Kojo, which had been founded in 1879 by Mr. Shozo Hattori. The new school was named Baiko Jo Gakuin, which means Baiko Girls School. The name Baiko is a combination of the names of the two schools. "Bai" is a Chinese character that can represent "Ume," the first syllable in Umegaski; "Ume" means "apricot." "Ko" was the first syllable in the other school's name, and means "light." Thus, the new name, "Baiko"



Calligraphy and the arts occupy a valued place in Japanese education.

can be interpreted to mean "the light of spring," since the blossom of the apricot tree is a harbinger of spring in Japan. The motto of Baiko Jo Gakuin is "Ut filii lucis ambulate" ("Walk as children of light"), a quote from Ephesians 5:8 which is closely linked to Northwestern's motto, "Deus est lux" ("God is light").

Baiko is located in Shimonoseki on the southwest corner of the main island of Honshu, only about 80 miles from South Korea. Its original campus, seated on a hill in the city's center, looks over the beautiful straits to the island of Kyushu and thus is strategically placed to draw students from both islands. A newly-created, modern campus situated in the forested hills on the northern edge of Shimonoseki serves the four-year college and graduate school. This senior college has earned a reputation for excellence, especially in its programs in Japanese Literature, English Language and English/American Literature. The beauty of the landscape is matched by the beauty evidenced in the lives of its graduates, who are now known all over Japan.

Under the able leadership of President Yasumasa Sato, the faculty of the senior college strive for academic excellence with a Christian perspective. Thus the bond forged between Northwestern and Baiko is mutually gratifying, because both institutions share a foundation in faith, a vision of a new humanity, and a mission to tomorrow's leaders.

The original agreement between Baiko and Northwestern, enlarged in the recent consultation, calls for cooperation in five areas. First, Northwestern graduates will be employed as instructors in English as a Second Language (ESL) at Baiko's high schools and junior and senior colleges.

Already three, Mark and Barb Drake and Rebecca Tuinstra Hofkamp, have served terms as contract teachers, and other openings are anticipated. Second, selected students from Baiko Jo Gakuin College will spend their junior year on Northwestern's campus studying English, literature and Bible. In fact, this successful program has already

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## VISION

A vision I have  
Of earth's inhabitants  
The world made whole  
Humanity healed  
Sons and daughters reconciled  
To God and their neighbors  
Brothers and sisters gathered  
Round the Messiah's banquet.

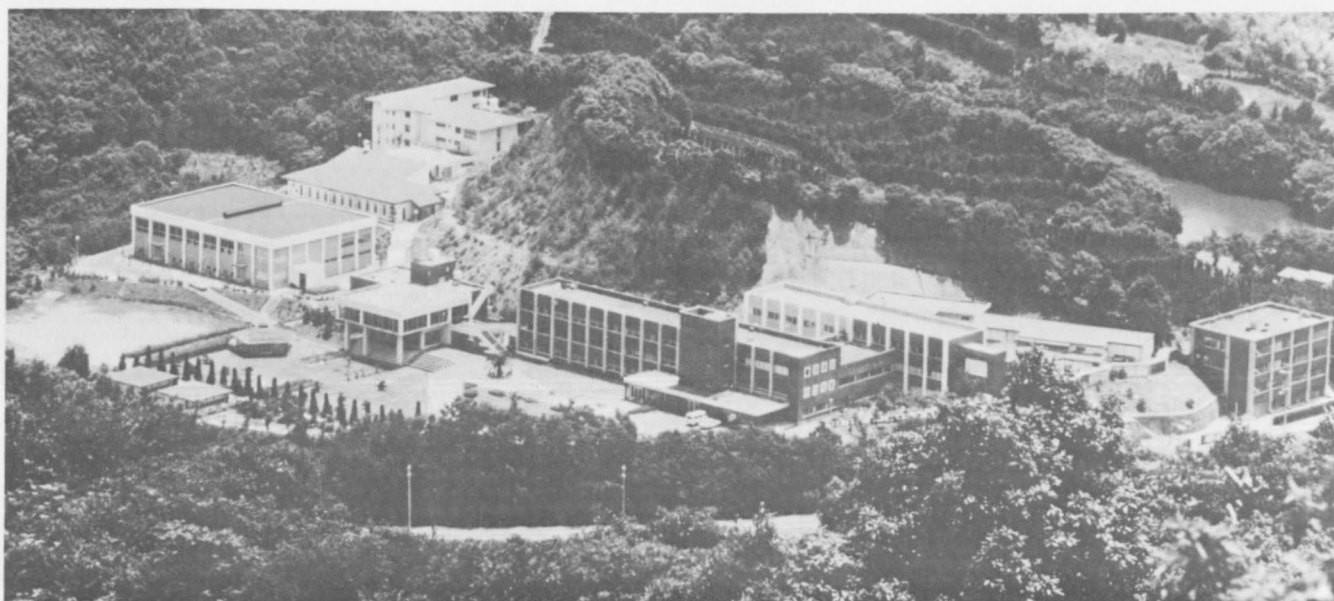
Broken, bleeding, fragmented  
Tho created to be related  
Image of God on human face  
Scarred, marred, disgraced  
Serpent's subtle lie bought  
Sin's sickness caught  
Sexuality, love, labor lost  
Earth's terrible cost.

Towers mortared, nations scattered  
Severed, shaken, shattered  
Yet Yahweh's covenant calls  
To patriarch, prophet, peoples  
New community generated  
Family with faith imbued  
Prototype of true humanity  
Transcending ethnic boundary.

Humans of the globe unite  
Your liberator resurrected lives  
Good news breaks the dawn  
With rising sun earth awakes  
A glorious kingdom comes  
Join the ranks of vision  
Pilgrims moving with mission  
International host of Christ.

*-Verse inspired en route to Japan and  
written somewhere over the Pacific, July, 1984,  
by Dr. Lyle Vander Werff*





New campus of senior college of Baiko on northern edge of Shimonoseki

been in place for the past three years. Third, a new adventure will be launched next July when at least ten Baiko students from the junior and senior colleges will come to Northwestern for the "Summer School for Internationals."

This five-week program in ESL and English Bible will employ American peer tutors and will involve encounters with Christian families and area churches, as well as a broader orientation to life in Mid-America. Students from several other countries who intend to register for the fall semester at Northwestern will also attend this summer school.

Baiko finds appealing an integrated balance between the study of English

language and literature, Biblical studies within a distinctly Christian college community, and first-hand experience of North American churches and culture.

Fourth, Northwestern students will be welcomed to Baiko's campus on a reciprocal basis, hopefully at a May-June summer school, giving them a cross-cultural experience in Japan.

Fifth, arrangements are being made so that faculty members of each institution will be able to spend a sabbatical or leave on the other's campus studying and possibly teaching one or two courses which will enrich the curriculum on the host campus.

New frontiers are still open to those

aware of the global implications of God's coming kingdom. Nowhere is the need for such vision as great as in the field of Christian higher education. Northwestern College salutes her partner in advancing the Gospel, Baiko Jo Gakuin.

Northwestern graduates interested in teaching English as a Second Language and in offering a distinctive Christian witness at Baiko Jo Gakuin or other Christian institutions in Japan may contact Dr. Lyle Vander Werff, Professor of Religion at Northwestern.

Dr. Lyle Vander Werff with three students from Japan who are attending Northwestern: (left to right) Toshiko Uemura, Rumiko Miura, Dr. Vander Werff, and Megumi Tai.



# Author explains 'need to record thoughts on paper'

By Richard J. Mouw  
Class of '59

(Editors Note: The Classic asked Professor Richard Mouw to tell its readers about his activities as an author. He has written five books and has published well over a hundred articles in scholarly journals and Christian magazines.)

One of my heroes, Abraham Kuyper, was a prolific writer. During his extremely busy public career in the Netherlands as a church leader, political statesman, and university educator he also managed to edit a weekly and a daily newspaper. The compilers of his bibliography report that his list of publications contains at least 20,000 items. Many of these were, of course, editorials and brief spiritual meditations; but some were major treatises in theology. In any event, it takes an important commitment to the printed page to produce the kind of corpus of writings which Kuyper did. In order to end up with a bibliography of 20,000 published items one would have to write, for example, one publishable piece every day for about 55 years!

Kuyper is an extreme case in point for a rather common pattern among Dutch Calvinists—an intense interest in the printed page. In present-day Holland, for example, two major daily newspapers are published by Reformed groups, to say nothing of a host of other periodicals and pamphleteering

projects. This "publish or perish" mentality was imported to North America by Dutch immigrants. In many Dutch-American settlements newspapers and pamphlets started rolling off the local presses not long after the first church and school were built. To this day the Dutch Reformed church communities in North America are very much publishing people: they have spawned several prominent publishing companies, and they sustain an unusually large number of periodicals devoted to theological and cultural commentary.

Given these patterns, then, it should not be surprising that some of us who have been nurtured by (and receive our salaries from) the Dutch Reformed community do a lot of writing. In my own case I have, for as long as I can remember, felt a need to record my thoughts on paper and to present them for the consideration of other people. When I was a student at Northwestern, several of us, along with Professor Blaise Levai and a few townsfolk, formed a group in which we discussed our individual efforts at "creative writing." I remember writing some short stories, and even poetry, during that period. Indeed, it was that kind of activity, with its focus on the art of writing, which led me to major in English Literature as an undergraduate.

As a graduate student, however, I dedicated my efforts to the pursuit of theological and philosophical questions, and have been my intellectual preoccupations ever since. Having thus abandoned a sustained interest in literature as such, I also relinquished any hope of being the kind of person who could produce "good literature."

But I do try to pay some attention to the "how" of writing. For one thing, I gain much satisfaction from the process of writing. The satisfaction comes in different forms. The writing of my first book, **Political Evangelism**, was an exhilarating experience. I had already published a few short articles on the subject of Christian political action; but the notion that I might actually be able to write a book-length manuscript on the subject came upon me rather suddenly. When I sat down to write, the thoughts seemed to spill from my mind to the printed page. From start to finish it took me less than a month to write the book, and I did very little re-

working of my first draft. (More importantly, I suppose, my editor did very little re-working of the first draft!)

Nothing since then has come so easily. A few years ago I was asked by the Christian Reformed Department of Education to write a textbook for young adult Sunday School classes. The manuscript consisted of presentations of various objections to Christian belief, with brief "discussion-starter" responses to these objections. I used several different literary forms: a letter by a young woman, explaining to her parents why she no longer attends church; a short story about a couple whose child is dying of cancer; a radio talk-show interview; a minister's diary; and so on. It was exciting work, but very painful—with many false starts and much re-writing.

Attention to the "how" of writing is necessitated by my choice of audience. One of my books, **Politics and the Biblical Drama**, has been used as a text in advanced courses in social ethics and political thought. But my other books have been directed toward a more general audience—an educated audience, to be sure, but not one made up of people whose primary interests are theoretical. My hope has been to get through to the proverbial "intelligent layperson," but my books have at least been read by some people who are in the business of equipping intelligent laypeople for Christian service.

Indeed, one of the benefits of being an author is the kind of "bonding" that occurs as a result of putting one's views before a reading public. In my case writing has served as, at the very least, a way of communicating with other persons—pastors and educators—who are committed to the articulation of a Christian world-and-life view in the present-day cultural context. I am very much aware of presenting my thoughts to such a community and inviting critical response and promoting patterns of mutual encouragement. Without this ongoing and broad-ranging conversation—with, for example, the fine group of scholars who are promoting Christian cultural sensitivities, at my alma mater, Northwestern College—my life as a Christian teacher would be greatly impoverished. It is, for me, what makes it worthwhile to write books and articles.

## Review

Here is an edited version of a review of Professor Mouw's most recent book.

Richard J. Mouw, *When the Kings Come Marching In: Isaiah and the New Jerusalem, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983.*

Reviewed by Robert D. Spender, Barrington College.

Another challenging book from the pen of Richard Mouw, this is a welcome addition to the ongoing attempts to integrate Christianity with cultural issues. Mouw, a Christian philosopher and teacher at Calvin College, supports those who see Christ as the One who transforms culture.

Mouw centers his discussion around the glorified Zion of Isaiah 60 and associates this vision with the vision of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21, although no attempt is made to explore the new heavens and new earth concept of Revelation. Critical issues of Isaiah (and Revelation) are acknowledged in the introduction and dismissed as having less bearing on the discussion.

In five brief chapters Christians are challenged to reflect upon Christ's redeeming power, to affirm and follow its achievements.

This work is definitely worth reading, as it challenges Christians to consider both the qualitative and the quantitative aspects of the redemptive work of Christ.

# A tribute to Dr. William Angus and his

by David Angus

It is difficult to assess precisely the personal motives which draw men and women into lives of Christian missionary service. Certainly the word "missionary" evokes a quaint stereotype or two: those proud, confident individuals with oratorical or surgical power who went forth on a wave of imperialistic enthusiasm a century ago; or the sun-browned, angular zealots who shipped overseas to distant jungles to wrestle with ignorance and the Devil.

William and Joyce Angus did not fit these old stereotypes. They were both commissioned to the China mission field at Fukien in 1925 by the Board of Foreign Mission of the RCA. The met there and studied the Amoy Chinese dialect together. He had prepared to be an evangelist among the country churches; she was to be an English instructor at the mission-run Talmadge College at Changchow. They married in 1927, despite the strong disapproval of the veteran missionary spinsters, who felt that Joyce had forsaken her calling.

Their daughter, Margery, was born in 1930. Shortly afterward the Anguses, who were then stationed in Changchow, had to flee the city, which was being overrun by the irregular fighting forces of a bandit chief named Mao Tse-tung. In fact, for several months Mao made



his headquarters in the Angus mission residence, and the family lost almost all of its possessions to looters. Bill and Joyce went on furlough to the United States, spending a year at Princeton, New Jersey.

After their return to the field, David was born in 1933 and John in 1936. The Sino-Japanese War began in the north and spread gradually to the Fukien station. Nevertheless, evangelistic work went well, and the Chinese seemed increasingly responsive to the Christian message. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, however, separated the Angus

family. William, who had journeyed to the countryside on mission business that fall, could not get back to the main station at Kulangsa on the seacoast. Joyce and the children were interned as prisoners of war (later to be repatriated through efforts of the Red Cross on one of the **Gripsholm** voyages), and her husband could not rejoin the family until March, 1946. Again, due to the war, they had lost most of the family's possessions.

In 1947, after a year's foreign language study at Yale, the Anguses sailed for postwar China to help re-establish the mission presence. Their outreach carried them farther into the interior, to Lengna, a station which they shared with the Walter de Velder and Ted Oltman families, and with Miss Frances Van Eenenaam. Their work continued during the Communist "liberation" of the province and until they gained permission to leave China in 1952. Again, most of the family belongings had to be sold or abandoned.

After a furlough in Holland, Michigan, William and Joyce were reassigned to the Philippines, where they served at Legaspi, Cagayan de Oro and Manila, until their retirement in 1967. Two years later they moved to Orange City, and eventually purchased a home near Northwestern College, which they opened to foreign students from China and the Philippines. Dr. Angus continued work on metrical paraphrases of the Scriptures, an immense project which he had begun years before his retirement and completed just before his death.

At the time of Mrs. Angus's death in 1974, Dr. Angus established a memorial scholarship fund in her name, which could be used to assist the education of American young people who were preparing for mission work, or for foreign students who needed support while studying at Northwestern. To this fund friends and congregations in the Reformed Church have contributed generously.

After William Angus's death in October, 1984, his name was added to the scholarship fund, and his home on Central Avenue is soon to become a part of the Northwestern College campus.

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Royal Huang, who is now a student at Northwestern, came to the United States last year from Kulangsu, an island just off the coast of China, which is in the area where Dr. Angus served as a missionary. Here is what Royal said in an interview:

Dr. Angus was a missionary in Seou Quay, a small village in Southern China. My grandfather was a pastor who worked with other missionaries in that region.

In 1984, Rev. Walter De Velder went to our island of Kulangsu, which is just off the coast. He met my grandfather, whom he had known when he was a missionary in China for the Reformed Church. After Rev. De Velder came back to the United States, he and my grandfather wrote to each other. When I came to Orange City to study at Northwestern, Rev. De Velder took me to see Dr. Angus in his home near the campus.

I told him many old people in

Kulangsu remembered him. I went to visit Dr. Angus many times, and we had many good conversations. He was able to remember the dialect we speak in Kulangsu, and he remembered some incidents that I had been told about, particularly a time when some elders of the church and my grandfather rebuked a spirit which had been scaring people with a ghostly voice in a village near where I lived.

Dr. Angus' daughter was living with him; she was born on the island where I live.

I believe it was a blessing from God that I could meet Dr. Angus, who knew my home and my dialect. He was a great man who was used by God. Our people will never forget how much he loved them, and how he climbed many mountains to preach the Gospel to them.



# wife, Joyce, by their son and their friends

By Dr. Lars Granberg, former president of Northwestern.

Once I began thinking about Bill Angus a flood of images presented themselves to mind:

—A tall, rather ungainly, somberly dressed man whose shyness sometimes left him virtually inarticulate.

—The shy, hesitant smile followed by a warm response to one's greeting.

—His terse, pointed questions or pithy comments in our adult church school class. Usually they opened doors to broader considerations and new perspectives.

—The quiet, unassuming courage so apparent as one reads his journals covering the pre-World War II years in China.

—His devotion to his lovely, talented, terminally ill wife, Joyce. We were touched by their companionable walks as he pushed her around the block in her wheelchair or over to the campus for a concert or lecture or art exhibit.

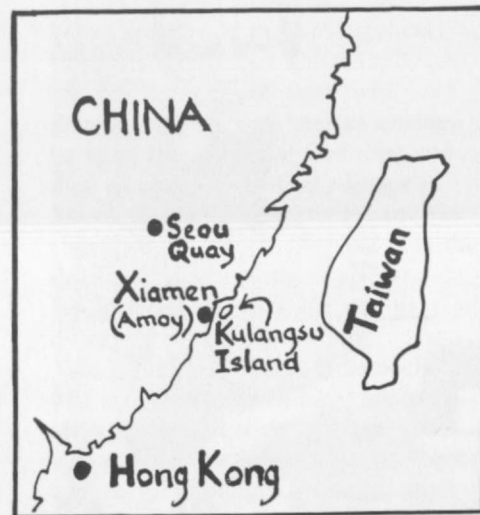
—His intense, life-long desire to learn. He wanted to know, really know, about all sorts of things. So he read voraciously and omnivorously. His library resembled a top-flight curriculum in the liberal arts and theological studies. His painstaking metrical papaphrases of the Bible are an ingenious device he developed to help him master the form and the substance of Holy Scripture.

Our Lord's goodness was evident in the opportunity provided Carol and me to become friends of Bill and Joyce Angus. This is about Bill, but there is much one could say about the large contribution to his and our lives which Joyce made. During her final months she and Bill enrolled in a course on the writings of C.S. Lewis taught jointly by Dean Edward Ericson and myself. The class consisted of students and people from the community. Joyce was in constant pain and wasting away physically, but in the intensity of her involvement with Lewis' ideas she seemed more alive than anyone else in the room! Students found her a source of stimulating ideas and an inspiration.

A final observation. Once, during a conversation, Bill expressed disappointment with several one-sided presenta-

tions of current issues he had heard on campus. It was his conviction that Christians in particular ought to deal even-handedly with ideas they find compatible and those they do not find especially compatible. I was deeply impressed by Bill's openness and "for-mindedness." He felt very deeply that every effort to arrive at truth deserved a thoughtful hearing, even when these challenged some of our more cherished biases.

So much more could be and doubtless will be said, but I reiterate my gratitude to God for bringing Bill Angus into my life.



## Greeted

... with cookies from the round  
red tin on top of the faithfully whirring  
Kelvinator, slope shouldered friend with withering  
gaskets keeping our cream cold enough . . .

with his comforting smell of old  
steeped richly and a bit sourly  
into linoleum, cabinets, oiled table cloth,  
the aromatic goodness of aged cheese and wine,  
the smell of himself,  
an old skin well inhabited . . .

with veins sensed as  
pulsing red blood but seen as  
punctured blue by needled help,  
fragile strength in his large  
steadily shaking hand now steering  
boiling water into the already prepared cups . . .

with smiles and silence  
even when speaking, waiting  
for me, answering  
my queries and judgments  
and sometimes anger  
with stories told,  
seeming to answer nothing  
until my next morning  
and even then more in his joy  
of connecting events and people  
than in rendering opinion—

a civilized hour this coffee  
at four with my friend  
the orientalized  
Christian  
Doctor  
Bill

—Paul Borgman

*Prof. Borgman taught at Northwestern; he now teaches at Gordon College*



# Huffman helped 'put Northwestern on the map'



**Florence Huffman joined the faculty in 1956 and retired in 1976. She died December 14, 1984.**

*This article was written by two of her former colleagues in the Education Department.*

Florence was mainly responsible for the development of the elementary education program at NW. Her efforts had a significant impact on the department and the institution as a whole.

She developed personal contacts with the public schools within a fifty-mile radius of Orange City. Her efforts to develop excellence in the teacher-education program resulted in a respect for the department that is evidenced in good school/college relationships that continue today. One individual remarked that she put NW on the map due to her insistence on the school's commitment to excellence in teacher preparation.

Florence was active in several professional organizations, including Delta Kappa Gamma (an international society for women educators). She was an original organizer of the Northwest Iowa Reading Council of the International Reading Association that now has a membership of over 300 teachers from the four-county area.

Florence dedicated her life to her teaching in both the public schools and at NW. She demanded excellence from her students and was admired and respected by the several hundred students who received instruction under her tutelage. Even today, administrators and classroom teachers remark that Florence thoroughly prepared her charges for the real world of classroom teaching.

She sought to upgrade the program, and at the same time kept abreast of

current issues and trends in the field of education.

She was a world traveler (Australia, Europe, Iceland, the Holy Land) and delighted in sharing her slides and stories with her colleagues.

She enjoyed cultural events, especially concerts and theater productions. She was an avid reader of professional and recreational materials.

Florence loved to entertain her friends, even during the times of personal hardship that she endured patiently and courageously. She thoroughly enjoyed fine dining and was an excellent cook and hostess in her own right.

Her various duties at NW included her sponsorship of the student ISEA (an educational organization), Dean of Women for several years, and Chairperson of the Education Department.

She adopted Orange City as her own; this was reflected in her decision to spend her retirement years here and remain active in numerous church activities, NW Auxiliary, and several professional organizations until the last few months of her life.

Her faith was strong and her determination to see the positive side of life, even during the times of suffering, was an inspiration to all of us who knew her well.

As one former student remarked, "Florence made a mark on every student's life that cannot be dismissed lightly."

## Henry John Te Paske, trustee for 22 years

Mr. Henry John Te Paske, who was a trustee of Northwestern for 22 years, died last year. He received an honorary degree from Northwestern College in May of 1973.

"His life has been one of profound dedication to law and justice, of deep concern for his fellowman, and of effective service to the Kingdom of God. In law, community service and education, he has won the deepest respect and admiration of all who have known him. His gracious spirit and Christian optimism will be with us always," read the text of the citation for the degree of Honorary Doctor of Law.

Mr. Te Paske was admitted to the

Iowa Bar in 1929. He was elected Sioux County Attorney in 1936 and held that office for 28 years. He served for fifteen years as Vice-Consul for the Netherlands in Orange City.

He had been President of the Iowa Bar Association, Chairman of the National Conference of Bar Association Presidents and a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association.

He had also been President of the Board of World Missions of the Reformed Church and served as a delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting in New Delhi in 1961.

# Scholars and Artists in residence

"My father-in-law had his poems burned by his father at the age of 12; he still showed his anguish when he told me about it over 50 years later. He still wrote poetry, but secretly. His head told him it was OK, but his guts said it wasn't," Dr. Nicholas Woltersdorff, a professor at Calvin College, told students. He spent three days on campus discussing the role of the fine arts in a practical society.

He cited the example of his father-in-law to illustrate the attitude some Christians still have towards art. For them, and for others, art is a problem, he declared. "Is it a problem for you?"

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"You should develop a pilgrim mentality," Professor James Pleuddeman, chairperson of the Department of Educational Ministries at Wheaton College in Illinois, told students in Chapel.

His topic was "What Sort of Higher Education?" and he proposed a standard by which to measure higher education. "Does it teach you to act justly, to be compassionate and to obey God?", he asked, citing the injunction contained in Micah 6:8.

He listed some of the criteria which are used to measure colleges and universities: Do they prepare students for jobs? Do they transmit the culture? Do they teach students how to think? Do they liberate students so they can realize their full potential as persons? Do they produce moral citizens? He declared that, while all these criteria are not bad, they "fail because they are too small when measured against God's requirements." He stressed the need for Christians to look at education in the light of eternity. "The best way to prepare yourself is a Christian liberal arts education, but you need to approach it with a desire to equip yourself to serve God and your fellow man," he declared.

On the second day of his visit to the campus, he said that life is intended to be a struggle and that there is an educational principle which can be expressed in the slogan now being used in a

he asked those attending Chapel.

He discussed the attitudes of non-Christians towards art, asserting that many use it to escape "grubby lives," while others make it a substitute for religion. "The art gallery is a contemporary shrine; those who enter it find an interior like a cathedral and respond by speaking in hushed voices," he said.

In our practical society, which refuses to adhere to traditions and seeks "better ways of doing things," art, like all other aspects of society, has become "differentiated, with artists specializing in one kind of art," he said. Art is often "off in a pocket," and the pockets

popular advertisement: no pain, no gain." He used three metaphors to explain three different philosophies of education: the factory, the flower garden and the pilgrimage. The factory-style education is an assembly line that stuffs as much information into the student as possible. The flower-garden education provides "soil and water" so students may flourish under the care of expert "gardeners" (their teachers). The pilgrimage education points the student to a "Holy City;" the curriculum is his "map" and the teachers are his "guides." The path is not intended to be smooth; God intends you and me to struggle," he declared.

He pointed out that all of life is a pilgrimage, but during the college years there are "distinctive dynamics" present which are not available elsewhere: special "guides" who are good at "testing" as well as guiding, thus providing opportunities to think rather than accept conventional answers. Students have a chance to study the experiences of earlier "pilgrims" which will help make their journey easier, as well as to "integrate their personal, social and academic lives," he said.

Dr. Pleuddeman climaxed his chapel talks with a challenge: "Adopt a pilgrim mentality! Keep your eyes on both worlds, this one and the next! Gain a deeper understanding of God's methods of teaching, and this will make you joyful and creative!"

are "refreshing for some, disturbing for others," he declared.

In his second chapel talk, Dr. Woltersdorff said most evangelical Christians, and even some Anglicans and Catholics would agree with Dorothy Sayers, who sees an analogy between the artist and God. She and they would say that God's image in Man lies in Man's creativity, and the closest Man can come to God is in the act of creating a piece of art, Dr. Woltersdorff asserted. He said he disagreed with this view.

In his third chapel talk he declared that art finds its fulfillment when the artist presents it to an audience, not when he creates it in his studio. "Art is created for situations. It must enter the community," he said, comparing this to "communion." He declared that art is "not in pockets, it is everywhere." He declared, "Art is interwoven with humanity's existence. It is indispensable for the realization of our humanity. We are earthlings made from dust, and our humanity depends on being a point in God's creation where His goodness finds its mirror."

In addition to his chapel appearances, Dr. Woltersdorff gave a public lecture on the topic "Christians Re-thinking the Middle East." He also met with students and faculty in classes and informally.

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Donald Paul Bullock, the principal trumpet in the Western Brass Quintet and President of the International Trumpet Guild, was guest soloist with the Northwestern College Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Ronald J. Toering in a performance of the **Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra** by Franz Joseph Haydn in the Chapel. In addition he presented a master class involving area high school students and trumpet players. He also addressed the entire academic community in the Chapel on "The Role of Fine Arts in a Practical Society."

# What's 'in store' for a stutterer?

**S...s...stutterer**  
**s...s...samples**  
**s...s...seven**  
**s...s...stores in**  
**s...s...speech**  
**s...s...survey**

How do sales clerks treat stutterers?

Two students, Kama Jongerius and Lori Anderson, were involved in a speech class project that sought to find the answer to that question.

Kama did the organizing and Lori acted as the "stutterer" (it WAS an act, but Lori is an actress and did an effective job of convincing sales clerks that she really was a stutterer).

Lori visited seven different stores in a nearby town (she chose a town where she was not known). Kama observed the reactions of the sales clerks.

At the first store, which sold women's clothes, "the clerk was very

patient," Lori said. "She looked me in the eye, she didn't try to finish my sentences when I stuttered. She tried to help me and wasn't overbearing."

Next the couple went to a drug store, where an older clerk waited on Lori. When Lori asked about perfume, stuttering as she asked, the clerk answered VERY slowly and VERY loudly, as she listed the prices for each brand. Lori felt as though she was being treated as a mentally retarded, deaf customer.

Kama stepped in, to see if the clerk treated ALL customers this way. The clerk treated Kama very nicely, speaking normally and offering perfumes and advice on which was most appropriate for different kinds of personalities. The clerk, after serving Kama, turned to Lori and immediately resumed her original manner, speaking slowly and loudly. In showing a sample, the clerk responded to a question about price by turning the package over and showing the price label, implying, Lori believes, that the customer was so simple-minded that it was easier to have her read the price tag than understand what the clerk said. As a final gesture, the clerk took Lori's hands and wiped off a sample of blusher that she had put on them. Lori says she felt as though the clerk was now convinced she was a child!!

At a third store, which sold greeting cards and gifts, the clerk was busy, but reacted by giggling when Lori asked a question. Lori also spoke to two teenagers who were shopping in the store, asking them for advice on buying a present for her sister, who, she told them, was about their age. They showed extreme embarrassment, and, Kama reported later, were silent until Lori left the store.

Lori also noted that the teenagers always finished her sentences for her when she stuttered. However, Lori said she did not feel upset by the teenagers' reactions, as she had in the drug store when the clerk did the same thing. Lori felt the teenagers believed they were helping her, while she felt the clerk was just impatient.

In a fourth store, the clerk showed Lori some coats, laughing in an embarrassed way and asking, "Are you a foreign student?" Lori said she almost laughed because now apparently she was seen as having a foreign accent when she stuttered. After a few minutes

the clerk said, "Thanks for stopping in the store. Come again." Lori had not even begun to look at all the displays of clothing, and felt the clerk was anxious to get rid of her.

In the fifth store Lori unexpectedly met someone she knew, so could not "act" her part as a stutterer. In the sixth store, a fast-food store, the clerk looked at Kama every time Lori spoke, seeming to want her to repeat Lori's order. Two young men showed interest in the two girls, until they heard Lori stutter!!

In the seventh store the two young men were encountered again. They looked at Lori and she interpreted the look to say, "Too bad you're handicapped." The clerk in this store treated Lori normally, joking with her and acting very naturally. Lori said the two went back to the first store, because they felt the clerk there had treated them best. The clerk was told about the speech project, and said she had really believed Lori was a stutterer. She said she had shared the experience with other clerks in the store after Lori left, and that she had expressed fear that she had embarrassed Lori. She also said she had a brother who stuttered, and that her mother had taught her never to try to finish his sentences, but to wait until he did so.

Lori and Kama compiled reports on this project: Lori did it as a voluntary act, not for credit, but just so it might help those who deal with stutterers, especially sales clerks. "I was a sales clerk, myself," she said. "I know how important it is to treat customers well." She sent a copy of her five-page "reaction report" to some of the stores she had visited, in the hope it will help the managers and clerks to do a much better job of dealing with stutterers. Her letters gave praise or blame, as appropriate. She challenged some managers to train their clerks how to handle stutterers.

Kama submitted a report to her professor, Denny Hansen, as part of the requirements in his course.

So what is the answer to the question: "How do sales clerks treat stutterers?" Based on this experience in seven stores, which may not be considered a scientific survey, the answer is "Not always very well!"



# Parent of year



Mrs. Boscaljon (left) and daughter Melanie.

Mrs. Lena Boscaljon of Doon, Iowa, was honored as Parent of the Year at a lunch and during the half-time activities at the football game on November 3.

Mrs. Boscaljon was nominated by her daughter, Melanie, who wrote: "No matter how rough her life was, she never lost her faith in God. In July of 1962, my father was killed in a farm accident. She was left to care for two daughters, one six and one five, and she was expecting a third child. I was born the following October...When I was in kindergarten I was awakened one winter morning by my mother's yell, "FIRE!" We were left homeless, with only the night clothes we were wearing.

"I wondered what would happen to us, but mom's faith in God never wavered; within ten days we were in a new home. Mom always had time for

us and for church activities; she accompanied us to catechism on Thursdays and while we learned she directed the junior choir rehearsal; she also taught Sunday School and I don't know what the church would do without her as organist. She never missed a concert or play if I was involved; she was always there to urge me on, and she even went on band trips as a sponsor.

She has worked at Hope Haven for nearly 17 years; I can remember her coming home many times from a long day at work to find the house full of kids, but she never complained. Our house is always open to visitors; it is a second home to many of my friends and my sisters' friends.

When I was young I wondered how God could take my father away from me before I ever met him, but I real-

ized as I grew up that God has blessed me with a mother who is so special it doesn't matter. She has taught me the importance of earning respect and being respectful. Most of all she instilled in me the importance of following Christ and living a Christian life."

At a luncheon held in the Hannah Heemstra Room in Fern Smith Hall, and attended by Mrs. Boscaljon's three daughters and their families, President Radandt said that she represented the most important constituency the college has—parents. He said the college needs the close cooperation of all parents, and he thanked her for sending Melanie to Northwestern, and for setting such a wonderful example.

During the half-time activities at the football game, President Radandt introduced Mrs. Boscaljon and Melanie to those attending and presented her with a plaque.

## Chaplain resigns, will study for doctorate

Rev. Jerry Sittser, the college chaplain, has announced that he will leave Northwestern in May to enter a doctoral program at The University of Chicago.

"It was an agonizing decision. I feel I am called to help build and nurture the next generation of leaders for the church and to carry on a biblical ministry in the context of the modern culture. I plan to study the influence of modernization on the church and to explore the effects of technology, immigration and urbanization on Twentieth-Century Protestantism. This is important if the church is to be modern without being accommodating," he said.

In accepting Rev. Sittser's resigna-

tion, President Radandt said, "I admire Jerry's desire to pursue doctoral studies. What impresses me most about him is his dedication to Jesus Christ, his understanding of students, his enjoyment of the academic scene, his disciplined pursuit of biblical truth, his power of imagination, his energy in transforming imagination into new programs, his Christian counsel to students and his challenge to them to become radical disciples. God used him here; nothing can be of more concern or significance for us than to be used by our Lord."





# Focus on

Dr. Harold Heie, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Faith, Learning and Living Committee of the Christian College Coalition in Washington, D.C. This committee helps all Coalition colleges to take steps toward the integration of Christian perspectives in all their academic programming. The committee is planning a series of college textbooks that emphasize Christian perspectives on the various academic disciplines. The committee will also schedule regional meetings throughout the country that will enable faculty members and administrators from Coalition colleges to address issues related to the integration of faith, learning and living on their respective campuses.



Michael Vander Weele and eight students attended the Wheaton College Conference on Literature and Writing. They heard readings and lectures by Frederick Buechner, a Christian novelist who is generally considered the best Christian apologist since C.S. Lewis, and by Donald Davie, a British poet, who is the editor of the **Oxford Book of Christian Verse**.

Professor Wayne Norman of the Psychology Department recently presented a paper entitled "Apple Picker: Computer Software for Studying Multiple and Concurrent Schedule Responding in Humans" at a conference in San Antonio, Tex. The paper is being considered for publication in **Behavioral Research Methods, Instrumentation and Computers**.

Professor Norman also attended the Psychonomic Society's convention in San Antonio.

Prior to his trip to San Antonio, Professor Norman and Professor Gary Weaver of the Philosophy Department at Northwestern attended a Council of Independent Colleges conference on "Technology and the Liberal Arts."

Professor Norman and Professor Weaver have received a \$10,000 grant from the Council of Independent Colleges to design two new courses which will be included in the revised curriculum, due for introduction in the fall of 1985 (see separate article).

The courses will be titled "Understanding Technology," and "Physiological Psychology." The first course will help students understand electrical and transportation technology; the second will take a systems approach to the problem of applying technology and technological thinking to the academic discipline of Physiological Psychology.

The grant was given as part of a Technology in the Liberal Arts program sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges. The two professors will share their results with the other colleges which belong to the council. Northwestern was chosen as one of ten colleges to receive grants; over sixty colleges submitted proposals for grants.



Professors Ronald Nelson, Jacob Ellens and George De Vries attended the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago.

At a session on Faith and History, Professor De Vries responded to papers on "Elizabeth Seton, Pioneer, Prototype and Archetype" given by Professor Mary Nusbaum of Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland and on "Phoebe Palmer," given by Professor Charles White of Spring Arbor College in Michigan.

Seton and Palmer were early-nineteenth century feminist leaders, Professor De Vries says. Seton, a convert to Catholicism, founded the American Sisters of Charity and initiated Catholic parochial education in the United States; Palmer, an ardent advocate of "holiness theology," which is a "spinoff" from Methodist "perfectionism," was one of the most prominent American Protestant evangelical leaders in the mid-nineteenth century, who wrote, published and spoke extensively in the United States and in Britain, he explained. Seton and Palmer "were pioneers in showing the way for women to lead in the church and its activities," he declared.



Prof. John Kaericher of the Art Department has been invited by the Iowa Arts Council to exhibit a drypoint print he created during his recent sabbatical. The print, titled "Child with Head-dress," was executed using the intaglio process and electric stippling on a copper plate, then transferred to paper. He is one of 45 Iowa print-makers who will be represented in the exhibit when it travels to several sites in Iowa and adjacent states during the next two years.

# Faculty



Dr. Jay M. Van Hook, Professor of Philosophy, recently attended the meetings of the Eastern Division of The American Philosophical Association in New York City. While there, he also attended a conference sponsored by the Society of Christian Philosophers meeting concurrently with the APA.

Dr. Van Hook has been invited to present his paper, "Religious Belief and Knowledge: Plantinga, Proper Basicity, and the Great Pumpkin Objection," at the March meeting of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco, California. The APA is the main professional association of American philosophers. Van Hook's paper was one of forty papers selected from among almost four hundred papers submitted.

Later in March, Van Hook will present the lead paper in a symposium on the philosophy of religion of Dr. Alvin Plantinga, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. The symposium will take place at the annual Eastern Regional Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, to be held this year at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Professor Plantinga, the current president of the SCP, will respond to Van Hook's presentation.

A Columbia University Ph.D., Van Hook is the co-editor of **Jacques Ellul: Interpretive Essays** (U. of Illinois Press) and has published several articles on topics in the philosophy of religion.



Professor Ron Takalo of the Spanish department at Northwestern College has been granted a professional-development leave-of-absence for the 1985-86 academic year. He will continue work on his doctorate at the University of Texas in Austin.

Professor George Stickel and seven students attended the Midwest Philosophy of Education Society meeting at the University of Chicago. Northwestern had more students in attendance than any other university or college, and was the only one to send undergraduates.

In addition to attending the conference, Professor Stickel and his students visited various museums and made presentations in public schools in the Chicago system.

Professor Stickel was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Midwest Philosophy of Education Society for a two-year term. He also read a paper entitled "The Role of the College and University Professor; a Sociological-Philosophical Examination."

Professor Stickel has recently had a paper entitled "Institutional Change and the Role of Higher Education in Society," published in **Organizational Policy and Development: Interdisciplinary Conference, 1984**, and an article entitled "Adler: Ideological Imperialist" published in **Midwest Philosophy of Education Society 1983 Proceedings**.



Professor Gary Weaver of the Philosophy Department has been invited to present a paper at the Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, to be held at Western Kentucky University March 28. The paper, entitled "Agency and Influence," deals with problems in explaining human actions; it is the result of research done last summer.

Carl Vandermeulen, instructor in communications studies and adviser to the student newspaper, has received the National Scholastic Press Association's "Pioneer Award," which was established in 1971 to recognize "outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism."

He and four other journalism advisors were honored at the association's national convention at Little Rock, Arkansas. The five recipients were nominated by recent winners of the award. Vandermeulen is the author of a popular textbook, **Photography for Student Publications**. He is also a frequent speaker at state and national conventions and has taught photography workshops in four states and in four Canadian provinces. He and his family operate a small publishing house, the Middleburg Press, which publishes Dutch Calvinist ethnic literature and journalism textbooks for schools.



Prof. Rein Vanderhill of the Art Department held a one-person show of his work at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake last fall and had a similar show in Wayne, Nebraska, from January 21 to February 22.

# Theatre faculty to have plays produced

Three playwrights on the faculty will have their plays produced during the Spring semester.

Dr. Steve Pederson, the Chairman of the Theatre Department, will direct the premiere performance of his play "Testament: the Life and Death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" at the Playhouse on April 18. He completed the play during a sabbatical last year; he is now circulating it among Bonhoeffer scholars. "I did a lot of research, but I want to be sure it is accurate. I want it to be true to the spirit of the man," he says.

The production is part of a conference on Bonhoeffer, funded in part by a grant from the Iowa Humanities Board, and titled "The Legacy of Bonhoeffer: Forty Years After." April will mark the fortieth anniversary of the death of the German martyr.

Dr. Pederson, describing the purpose of the conference, says, "We are eager

to find out what he has to say to contemporary Christians." The conference will also include a showing of an award-winning documentary film by its producer, as well as panels and seminars featuring experts on Bonhoeffer.

The second premiere is a performance of a children's play entitled "Jonah and Bigfish" which was written by Richard Young, who is teaching at Northwestern for a year while Professor Keith Allen is on sabbatical. He wrote the play while he was with the Lamb's Players in California; he has re-written it for staging in the mini-gym in the DeWitt Physical Fitness Center. "It will have a large cast and several spectacular scenes, including one 'under water' and one in the belly of the whale," he says.

The third member of the Theatre Department faculty to have his play produced for the first time is Jeff

Taylor. The play, "A Matter of Choice", will premiere at Dordt College. It deals with the issue of abortion. "I want to help the audience look at this issue from different points of view and to become emotionally involved. However, I try to avoid sentimentality," Jeff says.

The production will take place in an "experimental theatre" situation, before an invited audience including professional critics; it will also be videotaped. "The idea is to put it under a microscope to see if I need to re-write it," Jeff says. This is a very useful "tool" for a playwright, he believes, since he can work out any "bugs" before a performance is given for a regular audience.

It must be rare for all the members of a college theatre department to have their plays premiered in such a short time!

## Wife of emeritus professor exhibits sculpture

Dorothy Van Eck, the wife of Dr. Edward Van Eck, Professor Emeritus of Biology, exhibited her bronze sculpture, entitled "Three in One," at the TePaske Art Gallery recently. It was part of an exhibit by the Sioux County Artists' Guild. She explained that the bronze sculpture symbolizes the Trinity. "It's an organic sculpture. It's designed from Nature. I started with a design on paper, then made a clay model. From this a wax replica was made. The pattern was placed in a cylinder and covered with a mixture of plaster and silica. For three days it was in a kiln at 1,100 degrees for the 'melt out,' and the temperature had to be checked every hour. After the 'melt out' of the wax, it



took five people to pour liquid bronze into the area where the wax had been. After it cooled I used a wire brush on a drill to polish it," she said.

There are over 55 pounds of bronze in the sculpture; the materials alone cost \$400.

Dorothy studied the art of bronze sculpting at the University of Kansas while Ed was on sabbatical from Northwestern and doing research there. She has taught art part-time at Northwestern and at Unity Christian High

School in Orange City. "My first love is interior design," she said. She holds a master's degree in interior design from the Chicago Art Institute. She finds sculpture very much like interior design. "They are both a three-dimensional way of thinking," she said.

The Van Ecks came to Northwestern in 1963 after spending five years at Vellore Christian Medical College in India, where Ed taught microbiology and supervised the microbiological service at the hospital in Vellore.





# Student teachers go farther afield

Students are now able to do their student-teaching farther afield; some are going to urban areas in the United States and some are going overseas.

Professor George Stickel, who joined the Education Department faculty in 1983, has been arranging these student teaching assignments. "We started thinking about this last year," he said in a recent interview. "Northwestern emphasises cross-cultural education, and we thought this idea of sending students to other cultures to student-teach would supplement other efforts to expose them to other ways of life."

He also said there is an opportunity for mission work, since student teachers can often enter countries that will not readily accept missionaries, and they may find opportunities to share their faith while teaching or outside the classroom.

Some students go to "American Community Schools". These are schools overseas that cater to the families of expatriate Americans, but also accept students from the country in which they are located. Some of these schools also attract students whose parents are from

countries other than the United States, and who are living outside their own countries. For example, these schools may serve students whose parents are working in a U.S. embassy or in the overseas office of a large American corporation, but may also draw students from families serving in other foreign embassies, and even some students from local families who wish their children to prepare for college in the United States. The schools receive support from the U.S. government.

In the fall of 1984, Mari Ishihara taught in the Yokohama International School; this semester, Wendy Weyrick is teaching in the American School Foundation in Mexico City and Tammy Brinkhuis is teaching in Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador.

Last fall, Lori De Hond taught in a Montessori School in Madrid, Spain, which is operated by an English organization. "This is about as cross-cultural as you can get. Her first assignment was to teach Spanish to a Danish boy," Professor Stickel said.

Other students taught in urban areas. For example, Mari Beales taught in an

area of Chicago that is largely "Irish". "This was quite a change from an Iowa community. She is from Sioux Center. She learned a lot, and did so well she was offered a job," said Professor Stickel. Beth Beran is teaching in Wilder School, an "open school" in the Minneapolis area. This is an "inner-city" school with a large proportion of minority-group students. "She has had to learn new methods of discipline," says Professor Stickel.

Donna Hellinger chose to student-teach in Appalachia, and is now in Sand Gap, Kentucky. "She has found the experience exciting. Her students are very poor; she has never seen such poverty. There is very little science equipment," Professor Stickel said.

This is still a new program, but Professor Stickel is very pleased with the results. He believes the program will grow, as students see the value of learning about other cultures by teaching in urban areas and overseas.



# Chicago program lets students intern four days a week, attend seminars

Ellen Henderson, the Assistant Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Program, was on campus recently. This program, begun twelve years ago by a group of Christian colleges, gives students an opportunity to spend fifteen weeks in Chicago. "We try to have a package to suit each student," Ellen

said. "Most work four days a week as interns with businesses and institutions in the metropolitan area. On Monday of each week they attend seminars, and they receive credit for these seminars, which is transferred to their college." There is a Metropolitan Studies Seminar, which is the equivalent of a

course in Urban Sociology. Another seminar covers the Fine Arts, and a third is a Values Seminar, which covers issues facing Christian students when they come to a city like Chicago from smaller cities or rural areas. "Students find the people here very different from those they know at home. This is a very secular city. We try to help students understand that cities are a place for Christians to live and work and carry out a very special kind of mission," Ellen said.

Jerry Vander Lee of Rock Rapids participated in the Chicago Metropolitan Program; he is now a senior. He served as an intern with a business in Chicago. Ellen says that about 65 percent of the students in the program are business majors, and serve as interns in banks, brokerage firms and on the Chicago Board of Trade. Jerry served as an intern with a private commodities trading firm, working as floor clerk at the Mercantile Exchange. "It looks like a madhouse, but it's organized madness," Jerry said. He learned a lot, he said, particularly about how the economy functions and the importance of a strong dollar.

"This internship gave me a sense of direction," Jerry said. He was treated like a regular employee, not just as an intern, and got a "taste of what it is like to work." Jerry recommends that all students consider taking part in this program, or working as interns in other programs Northwestern offers through the Career Development Center. Many opportunities for students with a variety of majors are available.

## Thirty four students interning this semester

Eleven students are doing internships with the Chicago Metropolitan Center during the spring semester. These 19 students are doing internships through Northwestern's Internship Program:

Laurie Anderson is assisting in advertising and editing news stories at KICD radio station in Spencer.

Tim De Bruin is assisting the elevator manager at Farmer's Mutual Coop in Orange City.

David Dunkelberger is learning bank operations at Citizens National Bank in Boone.

David Dykstra is in the accounting department of Armstrong International Inc. in Three Rivers, Mich.

Dennis Heemstra is at Alton Savings Bank, spending most of his time in the ag. loan department.

Lynn Hofmeyer is with Arthur Van Bruggen, CPA, Boyden.

Brian Kuiper is a management intern in Lundgren Sporting Goods in Worthington, Minn.

Doyle Larson and Todd Thompson are with NW Mutual Life, Orange City, in insurance sales.

Kevin Mackie is with Mr. Gil

Johnson, CPA, in White Bear Lake, Minn.

Charlene Boscaljon Mastbergen is assisting the hospital administrator at Burgess Memorial Hospital in Onawa.

LeeMcKinstrey is a general banking intern at First National Bank in Sherman, Tex. He will also work on some special projects.

Karla Rensink is at Sioux County Bank in Orange City.

Robin Rice is an administrative assistant at Nanny Placement Services in Washington, D.C.

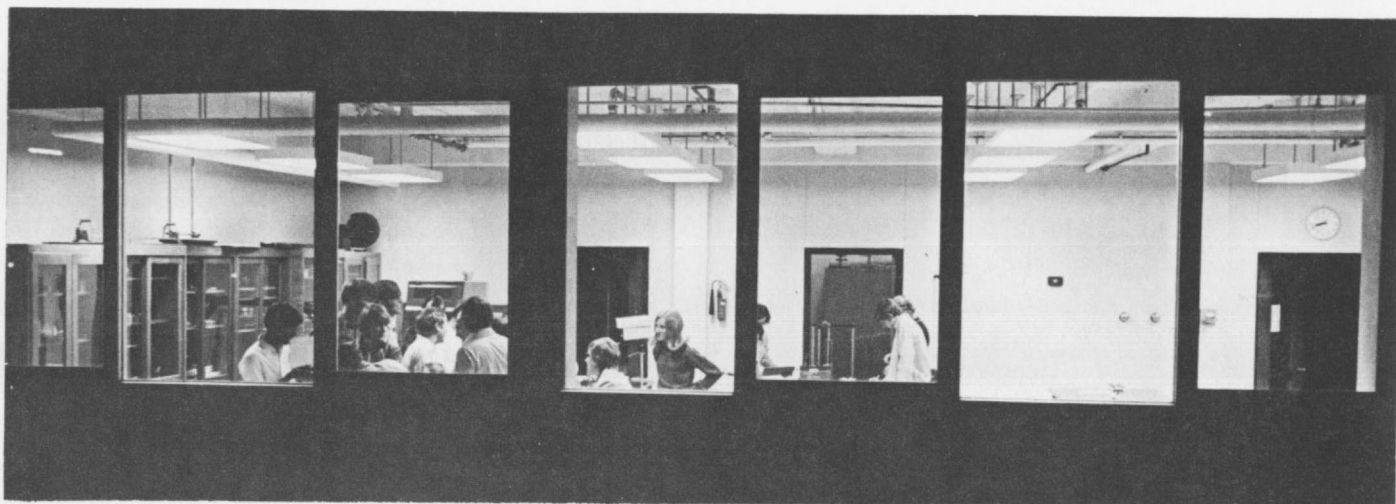
Kevin Vaandrager is serving as computer operator and programmer at Producer's Livestock Marketing in Sioux City.

John Van Wyk is assisting the manager at Sutherland Farm Coop in Sutherland.

Darla Vander Plaats is working with Randy Kroese, CPA, in LeMars.

Larry Von Arb is involved in all bank operations at Northwestern State Bank, Orange City.

Debra Wolthuizen is working in the Human Resources Department at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City.



## Curriculum re-designed, strengthened

As the result of a two-and-a-half year study, Northwestern has redesigned and strengthened its entire curriculum and added majors in Computer Science, Christian Education and Accounting. The new curriculum, which goes into effect in the fall of 1985, includes changes which conform with recommendations made recently by a blue-ribbon panel of educators appointed by the U.S. Department of Education.

The development of the curriculum over a 30-month period in which 21 consultants made extensive visits to the campus was made possible by a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation in St. Paul, Minn.

Changes include a broadening of the liberal arts requirements; increased emphasis on writing and mathematics, as well as on modern foreign languages; encouraging in-depth study by limiting to four the number of courses taken at one time; adding majors in Computer Science and Accounting; strengthening the major in Elementary Education; emphasizing lifetime fitness in Physical Education courses and preparing Physical Education majors for careers in community and industrial recreation programs; and providing a more comprehensive Biblical studies curriculum for all students.

Dr. Harold Heie, the college's Vice President for Academic Affairs, noted that the study of liberal arts disciplines in the natural and social sciences and in

the fine arts helps students understand themselves, others, and their natural and social environment. Under the new curriculum, he said, each student will take at least one course in each of these areas, apart from courses required by the student's choice of major.

He also declared that the ability to write well is essential for success in any career. Each student will be required to pass a writing competency test before graduation. Special help will be given to those who need assistance in developing their writing skills. The new curriculum also includes a mathematics competency requirement, since quantitative skills are also essential in our technological society, Dr. Heie said.

In an age of increasing interdependence among nations, the understanding of other languages and cultures is essential, said Dr. Heie. The new curriculum will encourage the study of modern foreign languages, using the latest techniques, including computerized instruction.

Students are often tempted to "spread themselves too thin," commented Dr. Heie. In order to prevent them from succumbing to this temptation, the new curriculum limits them to in-depth study of four subjects at any one time. The new curriculum offers most courses for four hours or two hours of credit; the four credit courses meet for a full semester and the two-credit courses meet for a half a semester.

The present non-degree program in

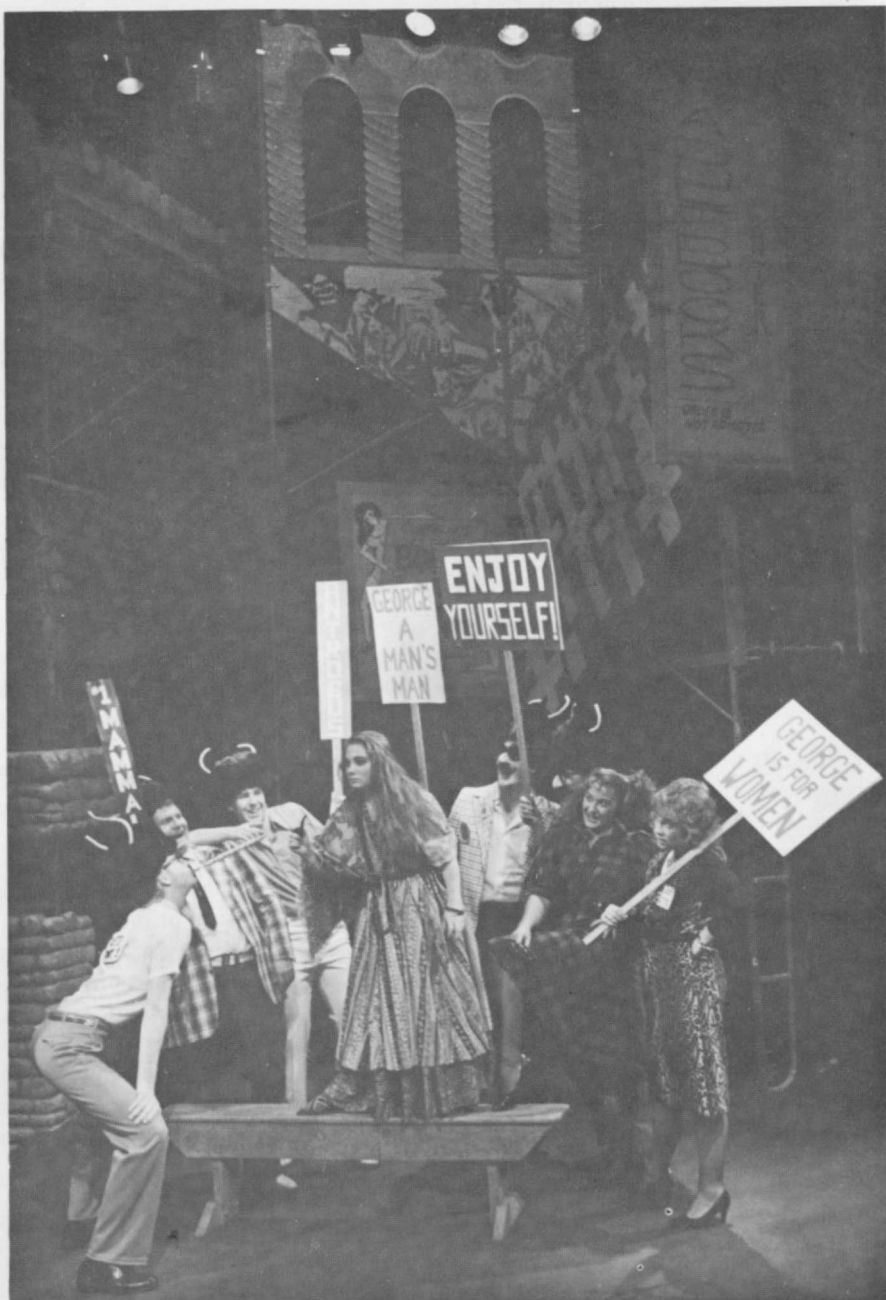
Secretarial Science will be expanded into a two-year program in Office Management, which will award an Associate of Arts Degree.

The present physical education requirement consists primarily of activities courses. The new requirement consists of a common course entitled "Concepts of Lifetime Fitness," emphasizing such concerns as nutrition, stress management, individualized exercise programs and the need for planning exercise throughout one's lifetime.

Physical Education majors have, until now, been prepared primarily for teaching and coaching in elementary or secondary schools. The new curriculum will also prepare students for careers in the expanding fields of community and industrial recreation and fitness programs.

As a Christian college, Northwestern has always required Biblical studies of its students. Under the new curriculum, students will also take an advanced course requiring significant theological reflection.

Dr. Heie said that the college is convinced, after careful study, consultation and planning, that the new curriculum will produce graduates who are even better prepared to assume leadership in their chosen career fields, in their communities and in their churches.



Scene from "The Skin of Our Teeth"

## Play wins place at festival

Northwestern won a place at the American College Theatre Festival, which is generally dominated by large universities; the other three winners, selected from 42 entrants in four states, were the University of Iowa and the University of Missouri's campuses at Columbia and at Kansas City.

The production of Thornton Wilder's play, *The Skin of Our Teeth* "was carried off with an admirable sense of ease," said one of the American College Theatre Festival judges.

Dr. Steve Pederson, the chairman of

the Theatre Department, who directed the production, said, "We are thrilled by this honor and the recognition it brings to our theatre program and to Northwestern. The competition was stiff. The festival represents the best college and university productions in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, so we feel privileged to have been chosen."

Marvin Vogel, the Vice President of Vogel Paint & Wax Corp., who is the president of the Theatre Patrons, said, "This distinct honor is the result of hard work, technical proficiency and the special ingredient in Northwestern's Theatre Department—working together for the good of all instead of each one working for his or her own glory."

Kenneth Wessel of the University of Northern Iowa's Theatre Department, one of the judges, said: "This is a strong undergraduate production, interestingly conceived and well executed, which takes difficult material and handles it with truth and honesty. It is full of inventive detail. The sets and lighting represent original thinking, solid analysis and good technical execution. The acting coaching is always genuine; even in moments of high style the work of the actors is credible. The directorial concept astutely balances the frivolity of the script against the power and darkness of the dangers—by no means an easy task."

Two seniors designed the set and lighting: Mark Burkitt of Orange City and Johann Godwalt from Ontario, Canada. Two actresses, Natalie Nordby of Fargo, N.D., and Kristin Kundert of Platteville, Wis., who played the roles of Mrs. Antrobus and the maid, received nominations for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship.

In an interview recently, Jeff Taylor, an instructor in Technical Theatre at Northwestern, who has taught Mark Burkitt and Johann Godwalt, said, "Our goal is to hand major responsibilities to students." Dr. Pederson said, "Christians in theatre need to be concerned with process as well as product. It's very easy to let ego take over; we should be as concerned with our neighbor as with ourselves. We all have been given gifts by God, and the work that we do is an offering to Him."

The American College Theatre Festival is sponsored by the Amoco Oil Co. and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



# Newsbriefs

Dr. John Hesselink, President of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., said during a recent visit, "Northwestern graduates have done very well at Western Seminary and are doing well in the ministry, not only in this area but in other parts of the country. They have a balanced faith, a preparation in the liberal arts—things we don't get from students who have gone to state universities, who have not had courses in Philosophy, Western Civilization and classical music or art. The students from state universities often have a much narrower view of life and a poorer preparation for the ministry than those who come to us from Northwestern. We are grateful for Northwestern graduates."

During his visit, Dr. Hesselink interviewed several prospective seminary students and spoke to a group of staff and faculty on the topic: "On Being Reformed and its Implications for Christian Higher Education." He has recently published a book entitled, "On Being Reformed."

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Kirk Allen, a senior, will spend time this summer as an "International Ambassador" for the YMCA in Israel. He will be part of a program organized by the Blue Ridge Assembly of the YMCA in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Kirk will spend July at the International YMCA in Jerusalem, and he expects to work in a child day-care center which takes care of both Arab and Israeli children.

The program has been in operation for five years, and has expanded each year. It now includes an exchange of students between the United States and Japan, England, Nigeria and Israel.

Kirk has already spent one summer working for the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado, and two years working with the Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA. He will pay one-half of the cost of his "ambassadorship" this summer.

Hundreds of worshippers attended two Christmas Vespers Services at which Northwestern College choirs and instrumental ensembles performed a wide variety of music in the American Reformed Church.

Professor Kimberly Utke Schouten conducted the A cappella choir, the Heritage Singers and the Symphonette. Professor John Sether conducted the Chapel Choir and the Women's Chorus. Professor Ron Toering directed the Brass and Woodwind Ensembles. Professor Rodney Jiskoot was the organist. Professor Herbert Ritsema was the worship leader. The services were recorded for broadcasting on radio stations KWIT, KVDB and KWOA.

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The Northwestern College Heritage Singers, directed by Professor Kimberly Utke Schouten, performed at the Renaissance Symposium at Central College, in Pella, Iowa.

The group sang works by Netherlands' composers, including Jacobus Clemens and Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck. Professor Schouten gave a presentation on these composers' music during a morning session of the symposium.

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The college has honored Mrs. Hannah Heemstra and the late Mrs. Gertrude Fisher, who were pioneers in the establishment of the Women's Auxiliary, by naming two private dining rooms after them.

Mrs. Heemstra, who lives in Yankton, S.D., is the widow of a former president of Northwestern, Jacob Heemstra. She was the founder and first president of the auxiliary. Mrs. Fisher, who was a resident of Orange City, was extremely active in establishing and maintaining the strength of the auxiliary, spending many hours traveling to area churches to speak to women's groups. The two private dining rooms in Fern Smith Hall bear appropriate plaques commemorating the work of these two remarkable women. The Women's Auxiliary recently refurbished both rooms.

A paper written by Nancy Hardee, a senior from Bedford, who is a student of Professor Michael Yoder, was presented and discussed at the Seventh National Third World Studies Conference in Omaha.

Professor Yoder says, "Nancy wrote an outstanding paper for my Latin American Societies and Cultures class last semester on the rise and fall of the first evangelical head of state in Guatemala, General Efraín Ríos Montt. I submitted it to the conference and it was one of a very few student papers accepted." Professor Yoder served as discussant for Nancy's paper and two others at a session on "Political Instability and Military Authoritarianism."

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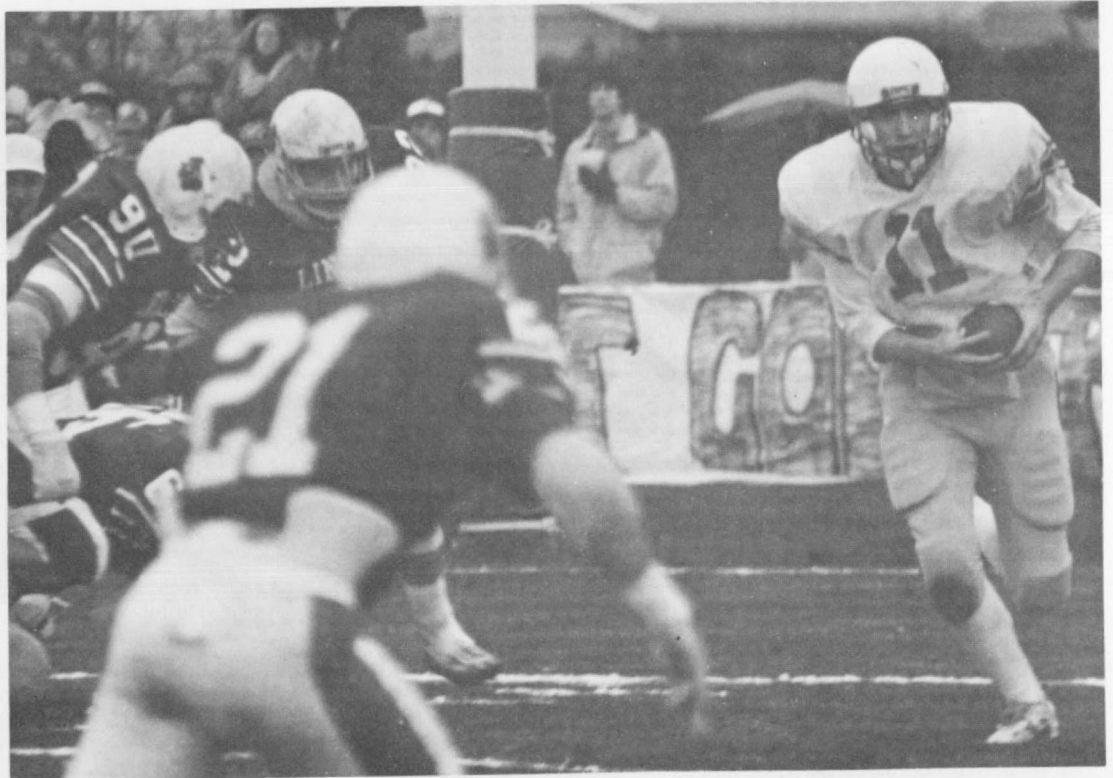
Kevin Brasser, coordinator of the world service board, has announced that students, faculty and staff will participate in mission projects in New York City, Anneville, Ky., and Vicksburg, Miss., during the college's spring break in March. The participants will work with "Habitat for Humanity," in New York, Jackson County Ministries in Anneville and "We Care Community Services" in Vicksburg. Northwestern students have worked in these projects in previous years as part of the ministry sponsored by the world service board, one of ten student-led boards offering opportunities for involvement and personal growth on campus, around the nation and throughout the world.

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President Radandt is a contributor to the new 14-volume **Encyclopedia of Religion**, to be published by Macmillan in New York. Mircea Eliade of the University of Chicago is the general editor. His article is a biography of Johann Gottfried Herder, an 18th-century German pastor, theologian, educator, literary critic and philosopher of history.

**Larry  
Korver:  
I  
couldn't  
be  
prouder**

*Photos by  
Tim Hielkema*



**Jay McKinstrey runs the ball; Linfield defenders close in**



**Jay McKinstrey and Mel Elsberry**



**Cheerleaders Karen Scherb and Ronda Rus**

# "You can learn in winning and you can learn in losing"

Coach Larry Korver

(Reprinted from the  
Sioux County Capital-Democrat)

After losing the NAIA Division II championship game against Linfield College in Oregon, Larry Korver said he couldn't be prouder of his team.

"We've experienced this before in the game of football," Korver said. "It's like the game of life. One day things are going good and then bang."

"That's just the way it happens," tight end Arlyn Mouw said.

"We were 11-2 and got to the championship game, we can't be ashamed," quarterback Jay McKinstrey said. "It's not just football, we stress life. 'That's what it's all about, we became like a family.'"

Korver says many team members may have scored a greater success in life than they did in football. Time will tell if that is the case. "It would have been nice to have another national championship banner in the gym, but maybe that would have made it easy to forget the most important things."

"You can be disappointed, there can be a tearing inside if you don't get what you want, but how do you respond? I see a great positive attitude in our young people. It's a real credit to our seniors. What happened came through the quality of our young men.

"What we try to do is prepare kids for all the good things and bad things in life. You take all things and try to make something positive out of it.

"This was a major athletic contest. If you can prepare them for that it will help with the small things in daily life.

"As you look at the game, the first half was a mountaintop experience. We enjoyed the thrill of approaching victory.

"In the second half we almost reached the bottom of the valley. It was a landslide that almost couldn't be stopped. In the end we could pick ourselves up again.

"Sometimes you want to go out and do things for the players but you can't. You've got to let them live it themselves. What is important is their willingness to learn.

"Football isn't important, it's how you use it that is. Sometimes you forget what's most important during the game. That's easy to do. Maybe we couldn't be so humble if we'd won. You can learn in winning and you can learn in losing.

"I look over at how the kids were able to discipline themselves each week of the season, preparing for the next week.

"That's not just for football but for everything, not just as athletes but as students and as people. As a team they matured.

"I see nothing but good things in the future. I see good leadership as a result of what they've learned. They had a great opportunity, it was a great time for learning. Every game is a learning experience for me."



Coach Larry Korver

## Great year for football team

(Editors Note: This report was re-printed from the Raider Rooters Newsletter.)

The 1984 season ended in McMinnville, Oregon after a great year. The regular season ended with a 9-1 record. As a result our team rated 3rd in the nation. We went to Baker College to play in the first round of the NAIA playoffs. Then back home to play Southwestern of Kansas in the semi-finals. Then to McMinnville, Oregon to play Linfield for the national championship. We ended up on the short end, 22-33.

Several of our young people received

Post-Season Awards. All-District Awards went to seniors, Steve De Vries, Tony Wrice, Mark Leuer and Arlyn Mouw. All District Awards also went to juniors, Jay McKinstrey and Todd Van Wechel. Making 1st team All-Americans were Steve De Vries, Tony Wrice and Arlyn Mouw. Selected by team members as M.V.P.-defense was Steve De Vries, and M.V.P.-offense was Arlyn Mouw.

Looking ahead to 1985, the team selected as captains, Jay McKinstrey, Gerald Van Roekel, Steve De Zeeuw and Scott Hoberg.

### TENTATIVE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1985

Sept.	7	Midland	Home
Sept.	14	Buena Vista	Away
Sept.	21	Doane	Home
Sept.	28	Concordia	Away
Oct.	5	Peru State	Away
Oct.	12	Open	
Oct.	19	Westmar	Home
Oct.	26	Chadron State	Home
Nov.	2	Valley City	Away
Nov.	9	St. Ambrose	Away
Nov.	16	Open	

One of the open dates needs to be filled to complete our schedule.



# Sports report

reprinted from Raider Rooters Newsletter, courtesy of Les Douma

## Men's Basketball

After a slow start, the basketball team is back in the District 15 NAIA playoff picture. The Raiders dropped seven straight games, resulting in a dismal 2-8 record and last place in the playoff point system. However, a recent surge by the Red Raiders has raised their playoff standings. The top six teams qualify for the playoffs held in early March.

The newly formed Iowa NAIA Conference is also underway. Early leaders include Northwestern and Marycrest. Conference team members include:

- Northwestern
- Marycrest (Davenport)
- Briar Cliff (Sioux City)
- Mount Mercy (Cedar Rapids)
- Westmar (LeMars)
- Grand View (Des Moines)
- Dordt (Sioux Center)
- Iowa Wesleyan (Mount Pleasant)

## Women's Basketball

The Red Raiders are playing with consistency at home, but are having trouble on the road. The Raiders posted their first road win of the season when they defeated the college of St. Mary's Omaha.

The Raiders are in the thick of the conference and district races. With everybody healthy and if the Raiders can develop some consistency on the road, you could see the Raiders in post-season play.

## Wrestling

The first half of the season was plagued with unfilled weight classes. But now, for the first time in nearly three years, Northwestern has a full line up.

The welcome relief has come at two weight classes, 118 lbs. and heavy weight. Brian Kelly, from Sioux City, has had a rough introduction to college wrestling, but is improving every time he steps out on the mat. Heavyweight Jody Walsh, a junior from Missouri Valley, has already qualified for the NAIA national tournament by placing 2nd in the Dana invitational.

Another addition that strengthens the line-up is senior Tim Stepleton from Mason City. By the end of the season he should be a national contender at 190 lbs.

Brother Dan Stepleton, at 167 lbs., also a senior, is having an excellent start. He is hopefully on his way to NAIA All-American status again this year.

Senior Tim Hejhal, from Sgt. Bluff, has been wrestling at 134 lbs. At 142 is sophomore Wayne Jansen, from Humboldt. Both of these men should see action at the NAIA National Tournament.

Freshman Jeff Evenhouse, from Wausua, Wisc., at 126 lbs. and Cherokee's Clark Voge at 167 lbs. have both had a great start to their first year of college wrestling.

Coach Paul Bartlett is still very optimistic about a strong team performance at the NAIA national tournament at Jamestown, N.D., March 7-9.

## Indoor Track

The 1985 season is now underway. Twenty-five men and seven women make up the present squad. The squad is working toward the indoor schedule which began with a quadrangular meet in Jan. in the Rowenhorst Student Center.

The strength of both squads appears to be in the middle distance events. Vonda Velgersdyk, Nancy Walhof and Rennee Hegsted should give the women's squad good strength in the 400 and 800 meter events. Carol De Haan could also provide strength in the 1500 meter if she can overcome a chronic knee problem.

Field events and sprints will be hurt by the lack of members, but Pam De Boer and Vonda Elgersma should pick up some points in the long jump.

Jeff Vander Berg, Dan Pollema, Rick Den Herder, Jeff Engelhart, John Scorza, and Tony Anderson should provide the men's squad with good depth and performance in the 400-1500 meter range. The sprinter supply is limited but Rich Miller and Colin Johnson show promise along with a new recruit Ric Brown. In the distance area Scott Mittlestadt looks to be the leader.

The field events are a real question mark but Airell Clark should provide points in the high jump; Jim Rus and Ric Brown show potential in the long jump and Dean Hengst and Steve Boote have potential in the pole vault. The shot put will be manned by returners Nick Johnson and Steve De Zeeuw. The hurdles show potential with Bill Gutz leading the way. Other hurdlers are Mel Elsberry, Ward Meiner and Tim Abersen.

The team has a long way to go before becoming an outstanding team, but it appears as if there definitely are areas of strength out, and this provides an area to build on.

Much time is being spent on conditioning and preparation.

The primary goal at this point is identifying strengths and weaknesses.

# Michigan trip rewarding for players, college

## Students stay with local families

The basketball team's visit to Michigan during the Christmas vacation proved that there are side benefits from participating in athletics, not only for the players, but also for the college.

In a recent interview, Les Douma, the basketball coach, described how the Immanuel Reformed Church in Grand Rapids and families in the Holland and Grand Rapids areas who hosted the players from Northwestern made this a very rewarding trip.

The Immanuel Reformed Church hosted a get-together for players from Northwestern, Hope and Central Colleges who were participating in the tournament, which was played at Hope and Calvin Colleges. Each coach introduced the members of his team, and then an ice-cream social gave everyone an opportunity to get to know the

others present. "There was a lot of good fellowship," Les said. "I found out how strong our support is in Michigan and how closely the people there are following what is going on at Northwestern."

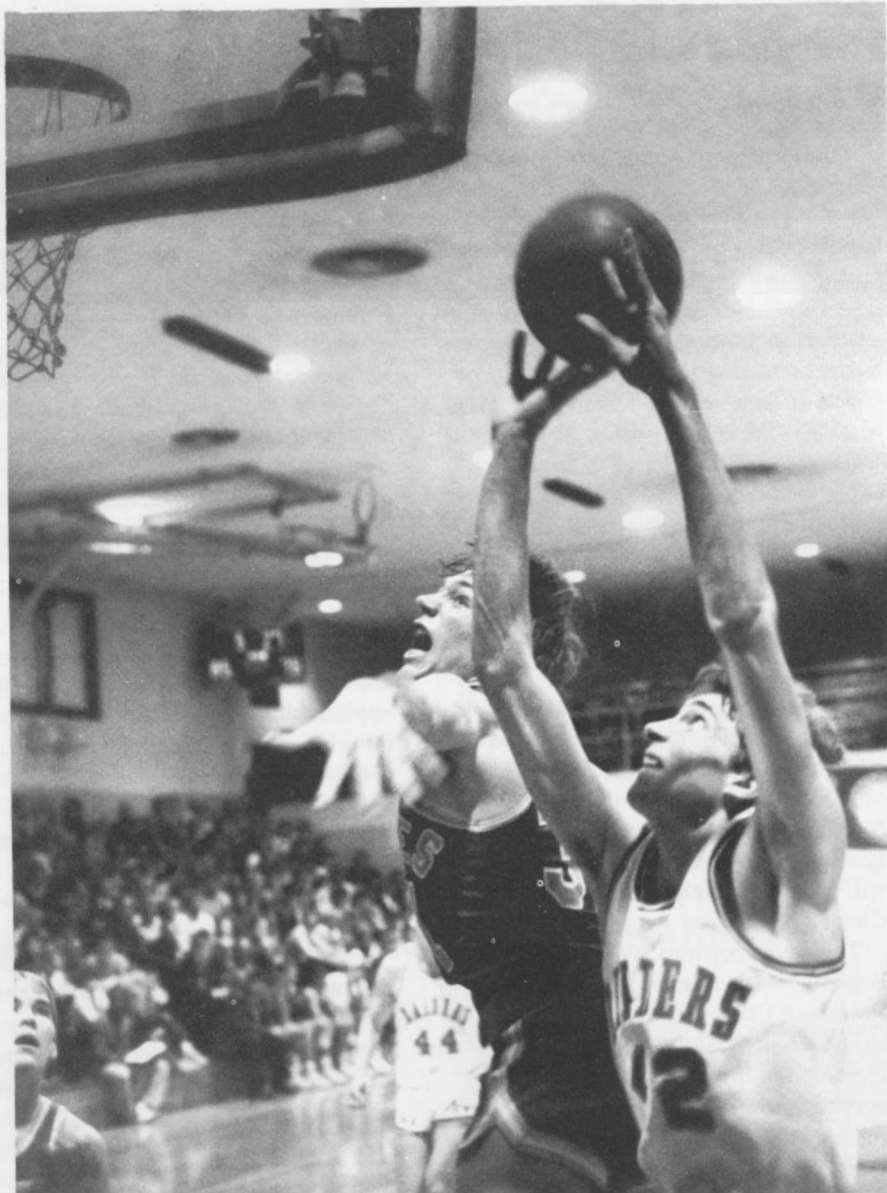
Some players from Northwestern stayed with local families for two days and nights. Les said Doug Van Berkum, Director of Alumni Relations at Northwestern, helped to arrange this. "Some families even took more than one player. They really went all out and it involved a lot, because they had to provide meals and drive players to Holland or Grand Rapids for games," Les said.

When the games were played, the players noticed that their hosts had enlisted others to come and cheer them on. They also had a wonderful ex-

perience when the bus was ready to leave for the trip home. All the host families came to see them off and some host families even brought bags of "goodies" for the players to munch on the long journey.

During the ride home, the players volunteered to their coach the information that this was the neatest tournament, comparing it to a recent trip to the Black Hills Tournament, during which they stayed in motels. "This was much more fun," they all said.

Les remarked that the team not only saved money by staying with host families, but, more importantly, they made friends. "They were good ambassadors for Northwestern, and they enjoyed fellowship and felt the strength of the support for the college that exists in Michigan," he said.



Mike Kraayenbrink outwits defender (Photo John Buntzma)

# Month's giving tops half-million

Northwestern received over half a million dollars in one month. During the month of December, the college was blessed by the cash gifts of many donors. "This is one indication of the strength of Northwestern," said President Friedhelm Radandt. "We are grateful for so many wonderful friends," he added.

The college received nearly \$400,000 in cash, plus a farm valued at \$160,000.

The quarter-section of farm land, about a mile north of Terril in Dickinson County, Iowa, was willed to the college by Herb Janssen, who died in December. The generous gift came as a surprise to the college. The executor of the Janssen estate told a college representative that the Janssens were impressed by **the graduates of Northwestern whom they came to know, and this motivated them to make the bequest**; they made the decision before Marie Janssen died about three years ago. When the estate is settled, the gift will be used to help build a new Chapel/Performing Arts Center.

The Janssens, who lived near Fostoria, were members of the First Reformed Church of Clay County.

Don Vander Stoep, the Director of Development, praised the many supporters of the college. "Again the Lord

has blessed Northwestern through donors who have faith in the college and its mission," he said. Northwestern has completed the first year of a three-year campaign to raise \$5.4 million, including \$3.8 million for a Chapel/Performing Arts Center, \$1.1 million for operational support and \$500,000 for student financial aid. As of January 17, \$3,500,000 has been received in cash and pledges.

## 1985-86 Admissions looking great

Dr. Radandt cited the data on students applying for admission to Northwestern as another indication of the college's strength. Ron De Jong, the Director of Admissions, said that the applications are running at about the same level as last year, which was a record year for the college. In an era when the number of high school graduates is diminishing, thus reducing potential college students, Northwestern's enrollment increased by 4 percent last year.

The Board of Trustees and President Radandt have been praying for a major gift to the Chapel/Performing Arts Center campaign. "I see the Janssen's gift as an answer to prayer," said Dr. Radandt.

## "A very special couple"

One of the graduates who was a friend of the Janssens wrote: It is hard for me to separate the two personalities. It was never just Herb or Marie, it was always Herb and Marie. As a kid growing up in the Everly Reformed Church, I always looked up to Herb and Marie as a very special couple. I can't recall seeing one without the other. They cared about people, especially children. They showed a great deal of love and understanding. Their patience, acceptance, and tolerance were outstanding. For me and many others—they were pretty good models. They were not what you would call leaders or dynamic personalities, but were just plain GOOD people.

I understand that their gift will go towards building a new chapel. I think that that would be an extremely fitting use for it.



Cornie Wassink, Director of Capital Fundraising, has announced that the Call to Commitment campaign will focus on the following areas, in which banquets are scheduled, during the next three months:

### March:

Florida  
Southern California  
Western Sioux County, Iowa.  
Western Lyon County, Iowa.

### April:

Southwest Minnesota (Edgerton and Worthington areas).  
Rock Rapids, Iowa.  
Eastern Lyon County, Iowa.

### May:

Des Moines and Denver areas.

## Development staff attends conference

Five members of the Development Department at Northwestern College recently attended a Mid-America District Conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in St. Louis.

The Northwestern group was led by Don Vander Stoep, the college's Director of Development. Also attending the conference were Harold Vander Weide, Director of Church Relations, Doug Van Berkum, Director of Alumni Development and Bill Lovelady, Director of Information Services. All five attended a series of sessions designed to enhance their professional skills.

Cornie Wassink was part of a team of four who participated in a session

entitled, "The Capital Fundraising Campaign;" the other three participants were Arthur Loub, Executive Vice President of the Kansas State University Foundation, Donald A. Campbell Jr., president of his own consulting firm in Chicago and Kent Dove, Vice President of the University of California at Berkeley Foundation and Counsel to the Capital Fund Campaign.

At an awards banquet, Northwestern received a certificate of merit for a brochure about the college which was submitted in competition with 201 member-institutions from the eight states which comprise the Mid-America District of CASE.





By Don Vander Stoep, Director of Development

### An Overview of Development at Northwestern College. . .

Development at Northwestern is more than asking for dollars. All the activities of the college community should be directed toward the mission. **Northwestern College**

. . . is a Christian college where every activity is permeated with the teachings of Christ.

# What or where would we be without alumni, donor support?

. . . offers a liberal arts education and career preparation  
 . . . provides a learning environment that encourages innovation and nurtures personal creativity.  
 . . . supplements classroom experiences with wide-ranging extra-curricular activities.  
 . . . grants students freedom to grow in Biblical faith while becoming more responsible, mature and self-motivated.  
 . . . provides opportunities for learning and serving on the campus, throughout the nation and around the world.

Development activities, in the broad sense, are institution-wide. They include academic planning, recruitment of students and faculty, financial planning, stewardship of resources, and the building of confidence in the college among the school's many different constituencies.

Specifically, Development is for understanding our donor and prospective donor markets and for the planned promotion of programs for reaching these markets. Incorporated in the comprehensive effort is the responsibility for increasing public awareness of the college and for planning and managing the ways in which the college inter-relates with its constituency. It is the responsibility of the Development Office to obtain the necessary financial resources **to fulfill the mission of Northwestern College.** This effort has two goals:

- To increase awareness and acceptance of the mission and accomplishments of Northwestern College.
- To obtain the necessary financial support to meet current operations, capital development, endowment and special programs.

## Heritage Day set for May 10, day before Commencement

By: Cornie Wassink, Director of Capital Fundraising.

**Heritage Day** 1985 will be held at Northwestern College Friday, May 10, in conjunction with graduation activities.

Scheduling **Heritage Day** with graduation is a way of recognizing that those who are members of the Heritage Roll of Honor are full participants in the Northwestern community.

**Heritage Day** is an annual event for recognizing and thanking alumni and friends of Northwestern College who have qualified for membership. Special recognition is given to individuals and couples who qualified for membership during the past year.

More than 160 individuals and couples have been recognized as members of the Heritage Roll of Honor. The membership is made up of alumni, parents of students, parents of alumni and numerous friends of the college. All members have a strong attachment to Northwestern College viewing it as "their college."

Membership in Heritage Roll of Honor is given to those who inform the Planned Giving Office of a gift that has been established for Northwestern

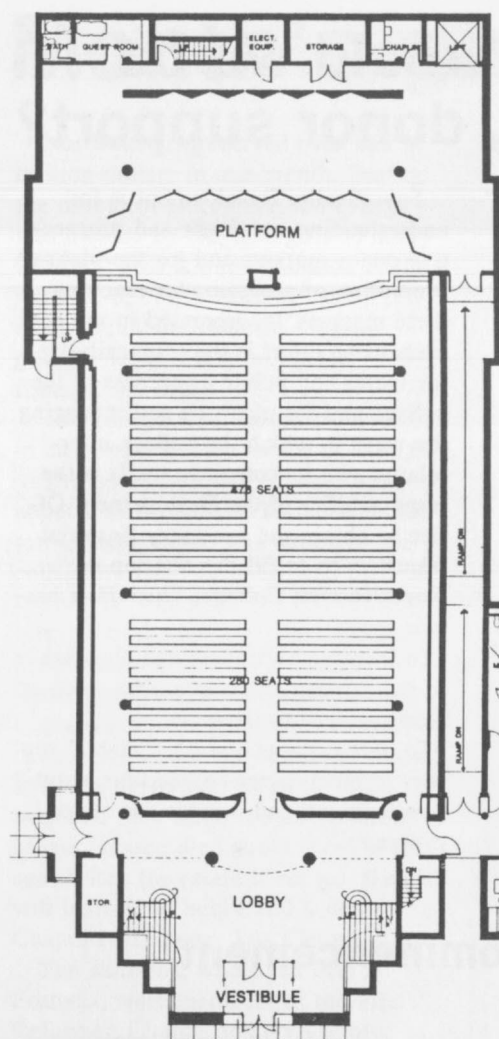
through a will, trust, insurance policy or an annuity. Membership is also granted for outright gifts of cash or property (real and/or personal) to establish an endowment for scholarship or general purposes.

A specific gift amount is not required and it is not necessary to inform the college of the amount; however, the actual amount or an estimate is of significant value in helping Northwestern plan for the future. **We would like to hear from you,** particularly if you have placed Northwestern College in your financial plan for a future gift or if you intend to or are interested in doing so. If you are not currently a member of the Roll of Honor, let us know that you wish to be a member by writing to: Planned Giving Office, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa 51041.

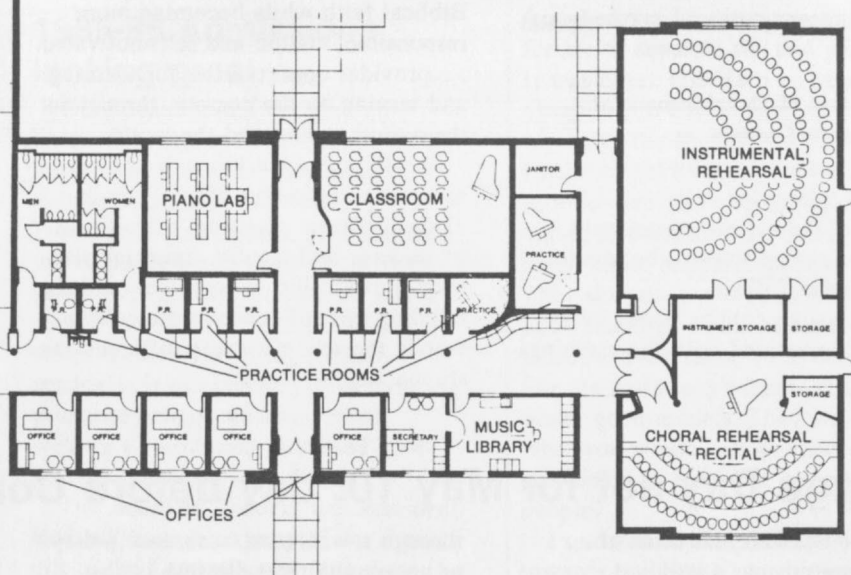
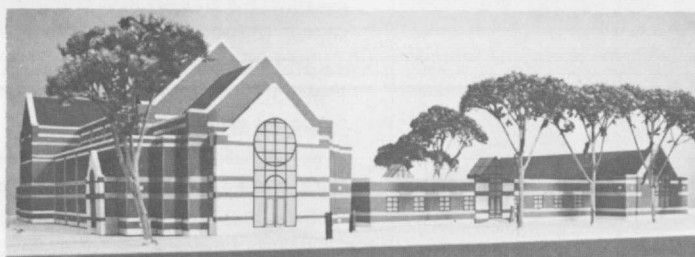
Membership in the National Heritage Roll of Honor is recognized with a beautiful, solid-walnut, free-standing plaque, laser-engraved, and featuring a gold-embossed seal of Northwestern College. This keepsake is individually prepared for you to display in your home or office.



Cornie Wassink



## Floor plan, model for Chapel/Performing Arts Center



## Gary De Koter joins National Leadership Committee



Gary De Koter, President and Chief Operating Officer of Harker's Inc., has agreed to serve on the National Leadership Committee of the Call to Commitment Campaign.

He explained his reasons for joining

the committee: "Upon graduation from Maurice Orange City High School in 1962 I attended Northwestern College for two years, prior to transferring to the University of South Dakota. My parents live in Orange City, and I also have a sister who is a graduate of Northwestern. The firm I am associated with is a major employer in Orange City, and I feel a corporate sense of responsibility to the college. I personally admire a number of the people who are on the Leadership Committee and am pleased to have the opportunity to help them and the school in any way I can."

Gary DeKoter was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Harker's, Inc. in May of 1984. He joined the firm in April, 1974, as Controller, and in 1976 was promoted to Vice President of Finance and named to the Company's Board of Directors. In November, 1981, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and Treasurer,

a position he held until the May, 1984, appointment.

Gary is a 1966 graduate of the University of South Dakota, with a B.S. in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. Before joining Harker's he was employed by McGladrey, Hendrickson and Pullen in Des Moines. He is a licensed CPA and is a member of the Financial Executives Institute, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Iowa Society of CPA's, and Young Presidents Organization. Active in community affairs, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the LeMars Development Corporation, serves as Chairman of the LeMars Police Retirement Board, and is a member of the Elks Lodge, LeMars Ser-toma and the United Methodist Church.

Gary was born in Maurice, Iowa, on November 4, 1944. He and his wife, Linda, reside in LeMars with their children Michele, aged 16, and Brad, aged 14.

# We need the Church; the Church needs us

By Harold Van Der Weide,  
Director of Church Relations

"When God closes a door, He opens a window." The eternal truth contained in this popular phrase was made very evident in my life during the past year as I was led to accept the position of Director of Church Relations at Northwestern. After completing more than twenty years in a public-service career with the State of Iowa, God provided me with an opportunity to combine my love for the Church and for Northwestern College in a significant and challenging way.

I have had some time now to reflect on Northwestern's relationship to the Church. **Undoubtedly we owe our existence to the Church.** Our pioneering forefathers, recognizing the value of a good education based on the Christian faith as interpreted in Reformed Theology, established Northwestern so it could be a vital resource to the Church in providing mission-minded professionals for gospel ministry and many other vocations. **We have also grown and prospered because of the Church.** Reformed Church congregations have unselfishly given strong financial support over the years, and continue to be the major source of gift income. The Church has also supplied Northwestern with a large percentage of its students and has undergirded the institution with her prayers. I am strongly convinced that, as the college enters its second century of service, Northwestern and the Church need each other.

## **NORTHWESTERN NEEDS THE CHURCH**

### **For Students:**

Northwestern is pleased that fifty percent of the students enrolled during the 1984-85 school term are from RCA churches. More than twenty other denominations are represented on campus. Forty percent of the student body is from outside Iowa.

### **For Finances:**

Total Gift income in fiscal year 1984 was \$1,489,674. RCA congregations gave \$554,216.

### **For Direction:**

Northwestern enjoys its special association with the RCA and appreciates the Reformed Heritage which emphasizes the Lordship of Christ over all learning and living. Through a

forward-looking board of trustees the church provides strong leadership towards Northwestern's goal of Christ-centered higher education.

### **For Opportunities:**

The RCA increasingly provides summer internship opportunities for Northwestern students, including home and foreign mission assignments.

## **THE CHURCH NEEDS NORTHWESTERN**

### **For Developing Mature Christians:**

Daily chapel services are provided to develop the worship life of the college community. Core courses in Bible and doctrine are required so that every student may be provided a biblical foundation for faith and life. A variety of student ministries offer many opportunities for involvement and personal growth.

### **For Preparing Professionals:**

Northwestern has a fully accredited, four-year Christian liberal arts program, offering 22 career concentrations and 20 pre-professional programs. Since 1961 one in eight graduates has entered full-time Christian service.

### **For Integrating Learning and Faith:**

Faculty and staff are committed to the Lordship of Christ and excellence in teaching. All instruction affirms biblical truths and values and is presented in the context of the Christian faith. Sixty-five percent of the faculty hold a doctorate or other terminal degree.

### **For Creating Social and Cultural Awareness:**

The Scholars and Artists in Residence program brings some of the world's best Christian scholars and performers to speak, lecture and to challenge students with the call to discipleship. Many students participate in cross-cultural experiences in short-term mission assignments. Such projects bring about an understanding of the needs and problems facing the world, and provide opportunity to work and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in a significant way.

Yes, we need each other, for together our needs are satisfied and our respective missions fulfilled. We are thankful for the Reformed Church in America and especially thankful for the promise that "God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory by Jesus Christ." (Philippians 4:9)

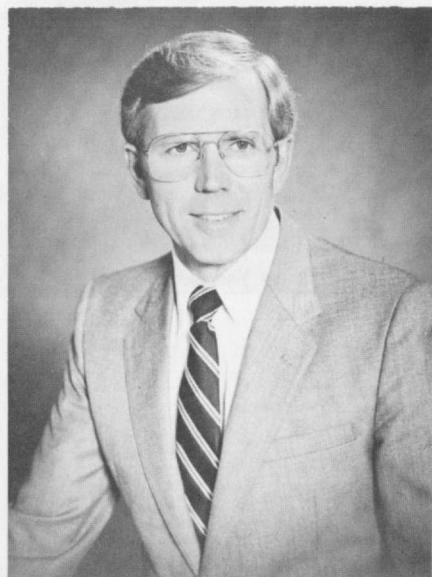


Harold Van Der Weide



# Alumni News

## Alumni Director's report



Doug Van Berkum,  
Director,  
Alumni Development

When the National Alumni Board met on campus last November they listed as their number-one priority the establishing and re-establishing of chapters. This is at one time both exciting and frightening.

It is exciting because this would involve alumni all over the nation, as well as here in Northwest Iowa. It is frightening because it is difficult to sustain chapters on an on-going basis.

### THE PLAN

1. Determine areas that have strong interest in doing something for Northwestern and for developing rapport among Northwestern alumni.
2. To identify four or five alums in each area and to use this group as a Steering Committee to determine alumni interest and to assess what type of chapter could be established.
3. To hold two chapter meetings each year.
4. To determine the degree of involvement directly from

Northwestern:

- a) faculty speakers
- b) video-tapes---audio-tapes

We have already had inquiries from board members to meet in their areas. There are Steering Committee Meetings planned for Northeast Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Des Moines and Southern California. You can see who the alumni representative is from the list of board members.

We also had over 100 alumni who returned the questionnaire saying they would be willing to assist in setting up a chapter. Therefore, we have a positive start and now need to work hard in becoming reacquainted with Northwestern!

Here on campus we are trying to produce an "in-house" video-tape of "Northwestern in Review--1984-85." This should be available by summer.

I would love to hear from any alums regarding the establishing of chapters. By the way, this is not meant to only be for those far off. How about a chapter in Hull, Sioux Falls, Sanborn, Sheldon, etc.?

### NATIONAL ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

#### Term Expiring in 1985

Mary Bezuyen, Hawthorne, NJ  
Marvin Boelman, Valley Springs, SD  
Gary Bomgaars, Denver, CO  
Dale Boone, Orange City, IA  
Betty Ferrell, Orange City, IA  
Douglas Groen, San Antonio, TX  
Carol Schemper, Sheldon, IA  
Paul Schneider, Sioux City, IA  
Andrea Van Beek, Orange City, IA  
Helen Vander Broek (Sec.), Orange City, IA  
Judy Van Peursem, Luverne, MN  
Linda Van Peursem, Middleton, WI

#### Term Expiring in 1986

Alfred Aalberts, Orange City, IA  
David Bomgaars, Orange City, IA  
Scott Dunlop, New Hope, MN  
Paula Hettinga, Ontario, CA  
Harriet Hulstein, Orange City, IA  
Larryl Humme, Frankfort, IL  
Leon Koster, Sioux City, IA  
Terry Meekma, Orange City, IA  
Linda Te Grotenhuis, Orange City, IA  
Merrita Tumonong, Grand Rapids, MI  
Barbara Van Roekel, Des Moines, IA  
Douglas Zylstra, Loveland, CO

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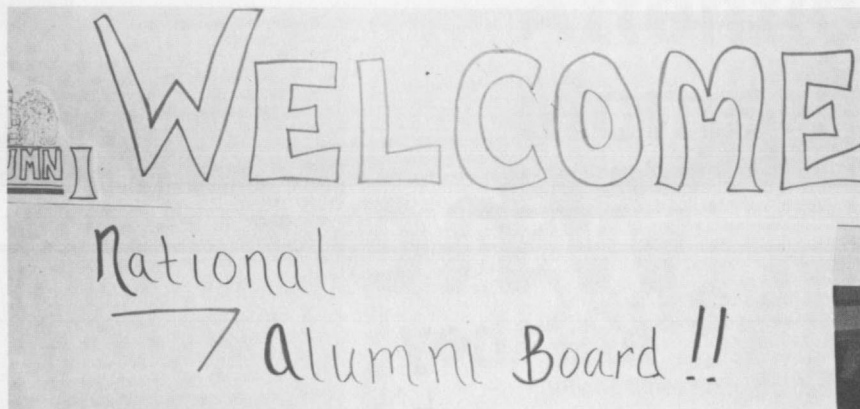
Helen Beukelman, Kirkland, WA  
Gary De Koter, LeMars, IA  
Mary Eason, Alton, IA  
William Faulkner, Warwick, NY  
Kathy King, Tucson, AZ  
Arlene Mellema, Aplington, IA  
David Raak (V. Pres.), Hospers, IA  
Ron Schneider, George, IA  
Jan Vander Wal, Manteno, IL  
William E. Van Dyke (Pres.), Sioux City, IA  
Marilyn Van Engelenhoven (Treas.), Orange City, IA  
Richard Van Zyl, Grand Island, NE

## We're over-stocked with Directories!

We have a large number of 1982 alumni directories on hand, and Cliff Leslie has said "move them out." Therefore, we are willing to mail you a directory for the cost of postage and handling. The cost was \$5, but we are willing to let these go for \$1.50. The directories include class lists, geographical listings and alphabetical listings.



Betty Ferrell registers and greets friend with hug



Students put up welcome sign in Fern Smith Hall



## National board meets on campus

Members of the National Alumni Board gathered from around the nation for a meeting on the campus November 8, 9 and 10.

After a reception on November 8, they dined in Fern Smith Hall and opened their meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Draayer Conference Room.

The opening session began with devotions, a roll call and approval of the minutes of the 1983 meeting. Perry Raak of Tempe, Ariz., led the devotions.

Paul Muyskens, Vice President for Financial Affairs at the college, brought greetings from the administration. He praised the alumni for their important contributions to the work of Northwestern.

The various committees of the Alumni Board then met to discuss membership, nominations of new officers, the work of alumni chapters around the nation and the planned projects, such as Homecoming, reunions and the gala auction.

On November 9, Doug Van Berkum, the Director of Alumni Relations, gave his "State of the Alumni Association" address. He discussed his goals, established in August when he assumed his position as director. These include increasing membership in the alumni association, establishing better communication between the association and the faculty and administration, and increasing the awareness of the students of the role of the alumni. One of his immediate goals, as part of his desire to improve communication with alumni, is to produce a videotaped program of news from the college to be shown at chapter meetings around the nation.

After attending chapel, the Alumni Board heard a keynote address from Howard Braren, a consultant to the college, who described some of the ways in which the association can help the college. Cornie Wassink, Northwestern's Director of Capital Campaigns, reported on progress and plans for the Call to Commitment campaign,

which is dedicated to providing funds for the new chapel/performing arts center and for financial aid to students.

The members of the board had lunch with students and administrators, then attended a general session at which they shared their reactions to the keynote address. They then took part in preparations for the Gala Auction, which was held that evening and raised about \$10,000 for Alumni scholarships.

On November 10, four students spoke to the board, giving personal impressions of the campus life at Northwestern; the board members were deeply impressed by the session with these students.

At their final session, the board elected Bill Van Dyke of Sioux City as their new president and Dave Raak of Hospers as their new vice president. Marilyn Van Engelenhoven was re-elected treasurer and Helen Vander Broek was elected secretary; both are from Orange City.

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**Can you identify these "pioneers"?**



These 1925 Academy class pictures are very appropriate for 1985. Just think, sixty years ago this group was pioneering at Northwestern. We would encourage you to write to the Alumni Office if you can identify the

young men and women in these photos.

Remember, each year at commencement time we honor our older alums. This year the classes of 1925 and 1935 will be in the spotlight, but

the classes of 1915, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1945, and 1950 will also be honored.

Any alumni interested in helping plan a May reunion please call Doug Van Berkum at 712-737-4821, ext. 111.





Two of the participants in the Gala Auction were Paul Lubbers ('71) and Bob Dunlop. Paul and his wife Barb (Jacobs '70) donated a processed beef, and Bob is picking out the animal on the Lubbers farm.

# Attention Moms and Dads

Lots of times your children aren't letting us know when they get a promotion, receive an honor for Community Service. Also, many times they don't give us their change of address. We would ten times rather receive this information twice than not at all.

Please write and tell us about your children. Also, if they've moved, give us the new address. Thanks!

## Gala Auction earns \$10,000

Northwestern's Alumni Association held its second Gala Auction in November. The auction contributed over \$10,000 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The total now in the fund is \$22,000.

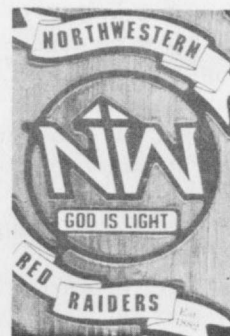
The recipients of the scholarships in 1984-85 were: Karen Scherb, a senior from Colorado Springs; and Walter (Skip) Pickup, a senior from Homewood, Illinois.

Once again this year the Alumni Board worked hard to accumulate an excellent array of items, from as far away as South Lake Tahoe, and as near as Orange City. The Board was encouraged to see alumni participating with Bed and Breakfast in Bellflower,

CA (Rev. & Mrs. Cornie Vande Hoef) and Tucson, AZ (Steve and Kathy King). The ski home at South Lake Tahoe (Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Muilenburg) was sold twice for \$550 per week!

Alumni, there is no limit to the amount of money that can be raised by this form of "Painless Philanthropy." However, next year we need more bidders. We need people to send in bids from afar as well as locals to bid on the night of the Auction.

Many thanks to the donors and the bidders. Also, special thanks to the co-chairmen, William Van Dyk and Rev. Robert Schwander, and to their committee.



### Plaque available

The N-Club has available 15"x11" plaques for \$15. The cost includes postage and handling. These plaques are made from wood with painted lettering. They are very well done! Order yours now! Mail check to N-Club. Just perfect for den or place of business. The N-Club has been instrumental in funding a number of improvements on campus that benefit athletics. Their projects included the institution of a Northwestern Hall of Fame. Two new members will be added during Homecoming 1985. Last October Paul Muyskens '48 and Steve King '72 were inducted at the Homecoming Banquet.

An N-Club member whose graduating class was honored at last year's Homecoming activities was the late Verlyn Rysdam. His sister sent us the following thoughts with regard to his life.

(see next page)

## Two graduates honored

Gregory Schoon, a 1975 graduate, has received a graduate teaching assistantship at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He will be working under Professor Evan Lindquist, a printmaker who visited Northwestern last year. Schoon learned printmaking from Professor John Kaericher at Northwestern; he has also created works of art in stained glass.

Rhonda Blair, a 1984 graduate of Northwestern College, placed in the top four percent of the more than 5,000 medical technologists who took the ASCP national certification examination recently.

She was a student of Professor Peter Hansen, who said, "Rhonda was a dedicated worker, and a very pleasant person. She was a joy to have in the classroom and was so eager to learn that she often came to my office to discuss her work."

# Alumnus of Year nominations sought

Each year the Alumni Board has the difficult task of choosing an alumna or alumnus of the year. At the National Alumni Board meeting held on campus in November the board took action to expand the award. A spokesman for the board stated, "We feel that by expanding the award everyone wins. Northwestern gets publicity and three peo-

ple each year are honored." The criteria and specific categories are listed below:

## GENERAL CRITERIA

A living alumna/alumnus who has graduated from Northwestern Academy, Northwestern Junior College or Northwestern College, or has attended Northwestern College for at least two years; has been out of college at least five

years; is not a current national officer of the Alumni Association.

## SPECIFIC CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

I. Distinguished Professional Achievement

-Leadership, competence, dedication, continuing education and integrity in chosen profession.

II. Distinguished Service to Northwestern College

-Loyalty to the mission of Northwestern College, continued interest and support of the aims and goals of Northwestern College, reflected honor upon the college by his/her Christian life style.

III. Distinguished Service to Community and/or State

-Leadership abilities exhibited in service to the community and/or state, notable service at a local or state level.

It is not too early to start thinking about the Alumni Awards to be made in the Fall of 1985. Look over the criteria carefully and then submit your nomination for one of the awards. Use the form inside the back cover. The awards will be presented in conjunction with the 1985 Homecoming and the Homecoming Banquet that evening.



## Phon-A-Thon

The cost of running a college is only partly met by tuition. Churches have always played a vital role in Northwestern's financial security, and of course many individual friends contribute to Northwestern. We want to involve more Alumni in supporting their alma mater. Therefore, either this spring or next fall many of you will get a call from a Northwestern College student asking you for a gift during our Phon-A-Thon.

Let's make sure that a Christian liberal arts education stays within the reach of all students.

## Sister seeks memories of Verlyn Rysdam, Class of '65

Ten years ago, May 1, 1974, my brother, Verlyn Rysdam, Rienbeck, Iowa, met his heavenly Father face to face. I want to share the thoughts of his fellow townspeople, those he lived and worked with everyday in Rienbeck.

### "He Cared"

Small towns live with the ever-present fear that an outstanding teacher will move on to a higher position. Verlyn Rysdam has moved on. Not the way we expected, but he has moved on.

Is it a loss? Immeasurable! But it is, really? How fortunate that our young people were blessed with the opportunity to know this man.

What made Verlyn different? Was it his boyish smile? The lock of hair falling rakishly over his forehead? His scientific understanding of the game of football? Perhaps. But I think what made Verlyn different was that he cared. He cared very much about every charge who came under his influence. He made each one feel important--worthwhile. Not just his star quarterback, or the most popular students. He helped each in his own way to become a better person. What greater gift? What greater inspiration to those who knew him, to go and do likewise!--Ruth Strohbehn

### "A Tribute to Verlyn"

Last week this community was stunned by the untimely death of a most outstanding young man....Verlyn Rysdam.

He came to Reinbeck seven years ago as head football coach at Reinbeck High School and during these past seven years he virtually became a "household word" as a coach, a friend

of young and old, a tireless worker at his chosen profession and equally tireless in his community responsibilities---church, social, family and friends.

Verlyn was one of those special people who could be counted on to give "his all" for any worthwhile effort or cause. His apparently limitless ideas provided many workable plans for doing things in a better way.

This young man was responsible for the Courier's outstanding sports coverage program. He "pushed" the Courier staff as he "pushed" his athletes and as it was with the kids at school the Courier staff enjoyed every minute of it.

Working with and sometimes under the direction of Verlyn was never easy, because he expected much, but it was always rewarding.

We will sincerely miss him and his, "Hi Chief, how's Reinbeck's greatest editor."

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What a different world we would live in if all of us could have thoughts like these written about each of us at the time of our passing at the young age of 31 years. I'm collecting and keeping these articles written about Verlyn for his children, Jon, 12, and David, 9, to give them when they can fully appreciate their earthly father's qualities and can have some "roots" to identify with.

If anyone would like to share their thoughts, about Verlyn with Jon and David, please send them to me. Thank you.

Mavis Rysdam Prins  
Granite Falls, MN 56241



Dr. Leo Landhuis (center) with his wife and Doug Van Berkum.

## Alumnus of Year reminisces

Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Leo Landhuis made this response at the ceremony honoring him:

"I recall many things as I look back on my days at Northwestern. One thing I remember is that I ate well! I did so because I was on the basketball squad. I spend most of my time on the bench, but I was fed at the team table. I remember Larry Korver, who was also on the squad. When he played, he gave everything he had, and it made him so tense he couldn't eat. I always sat next to him at the table, so I could help him out by eating whatever he didn't.

On a more serious note, I recall being very sick, and I was not able to attend class for eight weeks while I was a freshman. I only had four weeks to

catch up on my studying before finals. Everyone helped me. I remember particularly Prof. Mouw, who tutored me for two hours every week in Math. I learned more math, than I had ever done in a class. He will probably be embarrassed, because he is here tonight, but I want to publicly acknowledge the help he gave me. You see, Northwestern has the "personal touch". That is what is unique about Northwestern.

I was also lucky to have Lyle Vander Werff as a room-mate.

I have four alma maters, but of all the colleges and universities I have attended, Northwestern holds a special place in my heart."

## HOMECOMING 1985

Make plans now to join us for Homecoming 1985.

Remembering what was...Celebrating what is....

### \*\*\*SPECIAL FEATURE\*\*\*

#### Reunion Classes!

1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980

- Information on reunion class events and registration will be mailed to class members in July.

- General Homecoming information will be mailed in a special Homecoming invitation.

- Last year the Alumni Banquet was successfully revived. We hope many

more of you plan to make plans to attend.

### Saturday of Homecoming Weekend

Registration, parade, luncheons (N-Club, Band-choir, Choral Readers-dramatics), Homecoming banquet, reunion receptions. This year at the banquet we will honor three alumni and induct two members into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

### Sunday of the Homecoming Weekend

Worship service, extended reunion visitation.

# Association gives you right stuff

The Alumni Association is dedicated to giving you the stuff of which great alumni spirit is made and by which it is maintained. **Nostalgia. Pride**—in academic achievement, publications, plays, athletic championships. **Understanding**—of new departments, future growth. We know how to keep in touch.

We also know how to let you take advantage of your membership in the association. Here are a few of the benefits:

- Reunions every year
- Distinguished Alumni Awards
- Receptions before many away football games
- Access to alumni records—addresses that connect you to 7,000 other alumni all over the world. Lost touch with a friend? Try us.
- Northwestern in Review—video tape

**The deal is:** membership in the Alumni Association. Join us today—fill in the survey sheet and mail us your minimal membership dues today.

**We're changing.** Next year—1985-86 our dues will cover the fiscal year July to June. Therefore, the membership mailing will go out in late spring. Over the summer we should be better-equipped to process the memberships.

In returning surveys, a number of people checked that they were members of the Alumni Association, but mailed no check. Remember, it costs only \$5 to renew your membership each year. It is important to offer alumni services, but there are "no free lunches." Do your share and support the Association with your dues.



# How many can you recognize?

The top photo is of a "Town Meeting" session.

The bottom photo is not identified in our files.

Let us know if you can identify any of these men!



## Three ways you can help Northwestern:

1. The Alumni that have performed in the concert/chapel choirs have a special bond. At the 1982 centennial celebration the performance of the Alumni Choir was the highlight of the weekend. The Alumni who sang in the choirs now have a special project. The hymn books that are used in chapel are well... "definitely used." Former choir members can make a contribution to purchase one or more hymn books. Your contribution should be mailed to: Carol Van Wyk Schemper, 1340 E. 6th St., Sheldon, IA 51201.

Tell her how many books you want

to buy for the Chapel, and be sure to include \$9 for each book. Also include your name, your name at graduation (if different), the year you graduated and your home address.

2. Are you going to toss or send to Goodwill some old clothing (mens or women)?

Consider giving any "period" clothing that you have no use for to the Drama department at Northwestern.

For more information write Steve Pederson at Northwestern College, Orange City, IA 51041.

3. Are you willing to help sponsor a

touring group during the 1985-86 academic year? The touring groups are: Concert Band, Concert Choir, Chapel Choir and Choral Readers.

For 1986 — the tentative touring schedule is as follows:

Choral Readers—**Southwest and California**

Concert Choir—**Northern and Northeast Iowa**

Concert Band—**Illinois and Michigan**

Chapel Choir—**Southwest Minnesota**

# Spring Tours scheduled

## Choral Readers

### Sunday, March 17

(morning) Hope Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI

(evening) Christ Memorial Church, Holland, MI

### Monday, March 18

Hope College

### Tuesday, March 19

(luncheon) Grace Reformed Church, Wyoming, MI

### Wednesday, March 20

(luncheon) First Community, Detroit, MI

### Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23

Undetermined

### Sunday, March 24

(evening) Fair Haven Reformed Church, Jenison, MI

## Concert Choir

The Concert Choir has announced its Spring Tour schedule.

### Sunday, March 10

9:30 a.m. Good News Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

3:00 p.m. First Reformed Church, Rock Rapids, IA

6:00 p.m. Central Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA

### Thursday, March 14

Faith Reformed Church, Brookings, SD

### Friday, March 15

Greenleaf Reformed Church, Preston, MN

### Saturday, March 16

To be scheduled later

### Sunday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Bethany Reformed Church, Sheboygan, WI

7:00 p.m. First Reformed Church, Oostburg, WI

### Monday, March 18

Illiana Christian Church, Lansing, IL

Chicago Christian Church, Palos Heights, IL

Faith Reformed Church, South Holland, IL

### Tuesday, March 19

Chapel, Wheaton College, IL

Community Reformed Church, Clinton, IA

### Wednesday, March 20

Bettendorf High School

Davenport High School

### Thursday, March 21

Pella Christian High School

Newton High School

Adventure Life Reformed Church, Altoona, IA

### Friday, March 22

High Schools in Elkhart, Alexander, Sheffield and Meservey

Immanuel Reformed Church, Belmond, IA

### Saturday, March 23

First Reformed Church, Sheldon, IA

## Band

Alumni and their friends are encouraged to attend the Band Concerts; please check locally for exact times and locations of performances.

### Thursday, February 28

Sheldon High School, Sheldon, Iowa

Worthington High School, Wor-

thington, Minnesota

### Friday, March 1

Grenada, Minnesota

### Saturday, March 2

Eagan, Minnesota

### Sunday, March 3

(morning) Peace Reformed Church,

Eagan, Minnesota at 8:30 and 11 a.m. services

(evening) Hollandale Reformed Church, Hollandale, Minnesota

### Monday, March 4

Riceville High School, Riceville, Iowa.

When the time is not listed, you should check in your local area for exact time and place.

# Trivial Pursuit— Northwestern version

"Trivial Pursuit" has taken our country by storm during the last few years. Not to be too far out of touch, a professor at NW took the time to jot down some NW trivia on the back of a dinner napkin and made it available to our office. So, for our first (and perhaps last) attempt at Northwestern's version of "Trivial Pursuit."

We'll make this into a contest: First prize for the most correct answers—a copy of **From Strength to Strength** by Gerald De Jong, second prize—a copy of **B.D.** by Ivan Dykstra, and third through fifth prizes—a copy of the alumni directory.

A complete set of answers will appear in the summer issue of **The Classic**.

1. When was Northwestern's Centennial?
2. Who coined the name "Red Raiders"?
3. What was the largest class ever to attend the college?
4. In what year did that first four-year graduating class receive a Bachelor's degree?
5. What do Henry Te Paske, Jerome De Jong, and Norman Vincent Peale have in common?
6. How many presidents has Northwestern had since it became a four-year institution?
7. What happened to the "neon cross" used on the chapel stage for years?
8. Where was Sioux County's first art gallery located?
9. Which Northwestern graduate played on a professional football team?
10. What was the "kangaroo court"?
11. How many undefeated, untied football teams have there been in Northwestern's history?
12. Who was the coach of two athletic teams which were national champions?
13. How many academic deans have there been since 1961?
14. When was the first performance in The Playhouse?
15. Where was the "Campus Cottage" located?
16. Where was a "beauty shop" once located on campus?
17. What academic department is presently housed in the former "Orange

City Creamery"?

18. What do Old Trinity Church in Boston, Mass., and Zwemer Hall have in common?
19. Where was a natural pond located on campus?
20. Where was Northwestern's first gymnasium located?
21. What faculty member's office is located where the Faculty Women's Lounge was once located?
22. Which part of the campus is in Nassau Township and which in Holland Township?
23. What do Northwestern Academy's first large classroom building in downtown Orange City and the current Building and Grounds office and shop have in common?
24. What current campus buildings have housed the cafeteria facilities over the years?
25. When did Northwestern become the resource site for "Dutch Heritage"?
26. Fern Smith (of "Hall" fame) started two academic departments. Which are they?
27. How many full-time faculty members held terminal degrees in September of 1963? How many in 1984?
28. What well-known American Indian artist held his last one-person art exhibition before his death on Northwestern's campus?
29. Who designed the Alumni Gorth?
30. How many current faculty members have taught at Northwestern 20 years or more (as of 1984-85)?

31. How many foreign-born presidents have served at Northwestern since 1961?

32. What is the title of the minimal sculpture situated outdoors near the Student Center Snack Bar?

33. How many Dutchmen does it take to form a college?

34. Who taught Speech and Debate from 1963-66 and came back to join the staff in 1981?

35. What did a former NW president consider as a new name for the college?

36. How many females have been full professors at NW? How many unmarried faculty have been full professors at NW (as of 1984)?

37. Where was Northwestern's Television Station first broadcast?

38. Who was the first person to graduate from Northwestern with a degree in philosophy?

39. Who was the first person to enroll as an art major and to receive a degree in art from NW?

40. What was the "Gospel Express"?

41. What brother and sister are full-time faculty members at NW?

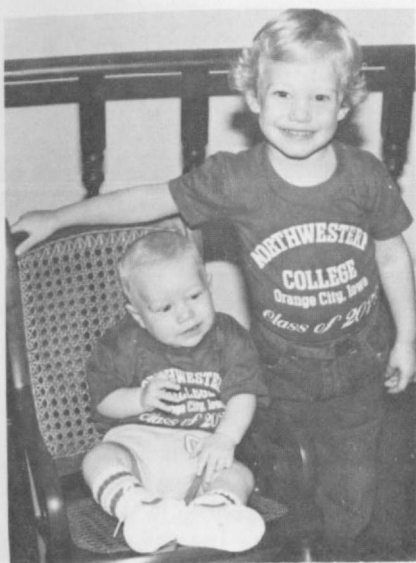
42. What former NW faculty member became editor of the **Church Herald**?

43. Where was the "Koffee Kletz"?

44. What was the "Monitor"?

45. If the Reformed Church didn't exist, with what church would Northwestern affiliate?





Matthew and Ryan Wassink, sons of Cornie and Deb Wassink, model T-shirts.

## Get T-shirts

Remember any alumnus who writes or calls the Alumni Office with a birth announcement automatically receives a "Big Red" T-shirt for their child. Be sure to include the year of graduation for one or both parents when reporting your new arrival.

With Agnes Steunenberg's help, we get some of our announcements out of the local papers. However, to get the T-shirt, please send us an announcement.

### Births

John and KATHY (MORGAN '83)  
ACKERMAN

Son - Christopher John  
RUDY ('78) and ELSE (MULDER '78)  
ALLEN

Son - Lucas Tyler (correction from  
Fall Classic)

Dan and SANDRA (KUIPER '83)  
ALTENA

Son - Michael Lynn  
David and KIM (BOONE '78)  
ANDERSON

Daughter - Andrea Dawn  
DAVE and Ruth BENES  
Daughter - Nichole Marie  
STEPHAN ('79 & '84) and NANETTE  
(BENSON '81) BRANCH

Son - Matthew Robert  
DAVE ('82) and Vera BOENDER  
Son - Timothy John  
John and LORETTA (POSTMA '74)  
BOENDER  
Son - John Mark

LONNIE ('82) and Jayne BRANDT  
Daughter - Kara Lynn  
John and MYRA (DE JONG '73)  
BOWMAN

Daughter - Jill Marie, joins Ryan  
-age 4  
Roger and MARY (BRANTSSEN '74)  
BRUNSTING

Daughter - Melissa Jane, joins  
Michael (6) and Kelly (4)  
Dale and LE ANN (VANDE WEERD  
'76) BUTSON

Daughter - Andrea Lynn, joins Kyle  
DWAYNE ('80) and ELIZABETH  
(PALMER '83) CAMARIGG  
Son - Teague William  
Steven and CYNTHIA (CHRIS-  
TIANSEN '79) CONNELL

Son - Paul Joseph  
ARLIN ('72) and Laura DE BOER  
Daughter - Jennifer Kell  
LARRY ('69) and CAROL (VANDEN  
HUL '71) DE BOER

Son - Lance Harrison  
Dennis and DEBORAH (DUNLOP  
'78) DE HAAN  
Daughter - Jessica Louise  
MICHAEL ('80) and LINDA (WYNJA  
'81) DE KREY

Son - Matthew John, joins Brian and  
Emily

ALAN ('74) and LINDA (SCHOEP  
'72) DONALDSON

Daughter - Jantina Renee, joins  
Carissa Ann and Shandra Rae  
ROGER ('74) and MaryAnn EWOLDT  
Son - Aaron Nathaniel

Gerald and ARLIS (WASSINK '81)  
FOLKERTS

Son - Jared Aaron  
Dr. TED ('77) and Jan GEORGE  
Son - Andrew Lyndon

Jerry and PAMELA (PLENDER '84)  
GOSLINGA

Son - Joshua Allen  
WAYNE ('61) and JOANNE  
(SCHUTTE '66) HENRICHs

Son - Nathan Holt Kim - age 3 by  
adoption from Seoul, Korea  
MARTY ('76) and BARBARA (TE  
BRINK '76) HODGEN

Son - Judd Eli, joins Beau and Seth  
JOEL ('83) and Sheila HOOGEVEEN  
Son - Andrew Jay, joins Stephanie  
RICHARD ('74) and Bernita HUP  
Son - Daniel Lee, joins Candace and  
Rebecca

Norman and DEBRA (ABERSON '81)  
KEMPEN

Daughter - Meghan Suzanne  
Mr. & Mrs. SCOTT ('82) KIEL  
Son - Jordan James

WAYNE ('69) and Victoria KLEIN-  
WOLTERINK

Son - Benjamin James  
John and ANNETTE (AHRENHOETZ  
Greg and DEBRA (PENNINGs '79)  
KOSTERS

Daughter - Anna Jo  
SCOTT ('74) and Sherry LAMMERS  
Daughter - Sarah Jane, joins West  
-age 3

Gary and ROSETTA (HARMELINK  
'70) LAUTERBACH  
Daughter - Debra Joy, joins Brenda  
Jean

Robert and LORNA (HULSTEIN '82)  
LEAVITT

Son - Clay Robert  
PAUL ('68) and Marcia LEEMKUIL  
Son - Matthew Arnold

LARRY ('72) and Janice LOVEN  
Son - Matthew Aaron by adoption  
RONALD ('78) and Blanche LUDWIG  
Son - Joshua Bruce

Bradley and JANE (DE KOSTER '70)  
MCDOWELL

Daughter - Emily Jane  
Rev. Ray and BEVERLY (HAACK  
'74) OHLENDORF  
Son - John David, joins Rachel - age  
4

STEVE ('73) and Joyce POMP  
Son - Jonathon Jerard, joins Sarah  
and Andrew

Rev. DAVE ('74) and Bonnie POPPEN  
Daughter - Amber Marie  
Harold and GRETA (DE JONG '73)  
POSTMA

Daughter - Rebecca Sue  
KEVIN ('78) and STARLA (DEN  
HARTOG '79) POTTORFF

Daughter - Jessica Starr  
Rev. and Mrs. DEAN ('65)  
REEVERTS

Daughter - Tally Noelle, joins Derek  
Oneil - age 9  
CLYDE ('77) and DEBRA (SINKEY  
'78) RENSINK

Son - Christopher Alan  
Jack and SANDRA (VLIEGER '70)  
RITSEMA  
Son - Daniel Paul, joins Jonathon,  
Sara, and David

MICHAEL ('79) and DIANNE  
(DAGEL '81) ROEDER  
Son - Shawn Michael, joins Katrina  
Rena

Ron and BEV (BOUWMAN '78)  
ROSENBOOM

Daughter - Emily Ann  
DENNIS ('80) and DEBRA (VANDER  
LEE ('80) TEN CLAY  
Son - David Charles

## Births (continued)

Roger and SHARON (VANDER MEER '77) TEN CLAY

Son - Michael Allen

DERRICK ('68) and Francesca TE PASKE

Son - Daniel Mallows

JEFF ('79) and MARY (HEINSOHN '78) TIMMER

Daughter - Rachel Lynn

Dan and JOANNE (ABBINK '77) TRAVIS

Son - Brandon Jason

HAROLD J. ('74) and LORA (VANDER ZWAAG '76) VANDER POL

Daughter - Brittney Ann

ELWIN ('75) and BELVA (VANDER PLOEG '74) VAN GORP

Son - Ethan Boyd by adoption, joins Erica Beth

KENNETH ('81) and Lisa VAN KEKERIX

Daughter - Ashley Marie

DOUG ('79) and LORETTA (BROWN '79) VAN LEERDAM

Sons - Jon Michael and Phillip Allen by adoption - join Tara Lynne

DENNIS ('81) and Kristi VAN OORT

Son - Nicholas Dean

MARLO ('82) and SUSAN (DALMAN '83) VAN PEURSEM

Daughter - Amara Lynne

Kent and LOIS (PALSMA '81) VAN ROEKEL

Son - Andrew John, joins Rachel Ann

Mark and BRENDA (DE WILD '74) VAN ROEKEL

Daughter - Jessica Mae

DAVID ('72) and NANCY (VER STEEG '73) VELLINGA

Daughter - Megan Gayle

JERRY ('80) and SHARON (WRIGHT '81) VERMEER

Son - Michael John

VERNON ('75) and JOYCE (KUYPER '75) WALLINGA

Son - Kent Alan

TODD ('82) and NANCY (LUDENS '84) WISE

Daughter - Rachel Marie

Scott and SARAH (HARTMAN '83) YODER

Daughter

## Mergers

We weren't flooded with tales describing "Romance at Northwestern," but two of the best came from Arlene (Roos) Lubbers and Diane (Inselman) Rubsam.

When you are counting the days until you suddenly embark on the old "half century" mark at birthday time, why not use it as an excuse to recount a little nostalgia, and prance around recalling some charming times you had together when your old arthritis pain hadn't set in yet, and you moved around a little faster?

Where was it that we first met? Would you believe that Orange City roller rink that Northwestern now has silenced so that our college supplies may be stored in decency and order?

Before that, it was an exciting (and maybe a bit dusty) place of fun activity, beckoning the weary from too much studying for exams, to move around on wheels to the gentle sounds of music much softer and sweeter than what the Class of '54 heard as we left our banquet table this year!

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Kurt and I are a "NW Merger." We met in band when I was a sophomore and he as a freshman. We were friends "only" for two years and he finally asked me for a date in October, 1980, when I was a senior. We got serious pretty fast. The first time he brought up marriage (he subtly "popped the question") he was a patient at the Orange City Hospital. I can't think of a more unromantic place to be proposed to. We

were engaged in January, 1981, and were married July 17, 1982. Our relationship even survived a 1000 mile separation. During his senior year at NW, I taught second grade in a Christian school in Louisiana. The past 2½ years have passed quickly.

Congratulations in advance to Chuck and Arlene, for this summer they will have been married 30 years. They will receive free membership in the Alumni Association for the 1984-85 year, along with Kurt and Diane.

(Also see Class Notes for a NW merger that has lasted 55 years!)

Let's hear from all of you regarding your special anniversaries!

RYAN CORIN ('84) and KIM BRISTLEY ('83)  
KENT DE JONGH ('78) and LYNNE ROSS ('81)  
TOM HOCHHALTER ('84) and CAROL MATTHEWS ('83)  
JOEY HARSTMAN ('86) and LEAH DEN HERDER ('84)  
RUSSELL DRULL ('76) and BARBARA SAMPSON VAN STEENWYK ('77)  
CURTIS MASTBERGEN ('84) and CHARLENE BOSCALJON ('85)  
SCOTT SIEPERDA ('85) and AMY DOUGLAS ('85)  
DOUGLAS SMIT ('80) and LORI SASS ('83)  
ERIC TE GROTENHUIS ('86) and SUSAN ZIMMER ('86)  
KURT RUBSAM ('82) and DIANE INSELMAN ('81)

## Marriages

MARK BLOEMENDALL ('81) and Lori De Haan  
MIKE HULSTEIN ('84) and Pam De Boom  
MURRAY HULSTEIN ('84) and Fonda Hubers  
CHAROLETTE SIEBERSMA ('79) and Robert Iske  
RON KIEL ('79) and Sylvia De Zeeuw  
JILL VANDER STOEP ('87) and Dale Pluim

KRISLYN DUISTERMARS ('81) and Bob McCarthy  
J. THOMAS RONHAAR ('83) and Lori L. Mathews  
RANDALL SMITH ('83) and Polly Bennyhoff  
CHERYL VANDER LEE ('86) and Steve Taylor  
EVIE WOLF ('76) and Frank Trusty  
LORI OSWALD ('86) and Bruce Tuttle  
BRENDA SINKEY ('83) and James Fahnley

# News from around the nation

## ARIZONA

Raymond Weiss was the speaker for the 30th anniversary banquet of the Tucson Reformed Church, Tucson on September 28. Steve and Kathy King, Lonnie and Chris Doctor, and Martha and Dave Speigal, Northwestern Alumni, are active members of the Tucson Church.

## ARKANSAS

'75 GREGORY SCHOON has received a graduate teaching assistantship at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He will be working under Evan Lindquist. Schoon learned printmaking from John Kaericher at NW; he has also created works of art in stained glass.

## CALIFORNIA

'23 PETER and HENRIETTA (MEYERS '23) VAN ES celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last August 9. The Van Es' sent in a donation from their home in San Jose to commemorate their "lasting merger."

'43 Rev. Samuel Williams, pastor of the Oakland, California, Community Church, recently burned its mortgage. According to the Black Caucus newsletter, this is the first of the predominantly black congregations to achieve self-reliance.

## Deaths

('57) JOANN I. HEEMSTRA, 46, of rural Primghar died in a hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D., after a long illness.

Mrs. Heemstra, the former Joann Wiersema, was born September 4, 1938, near Orange City. She attended schools in Newkirk and graduated from Northwestern Academy in 1955. She graduated from Northwestern Junior College in 1957. On September 2, 1959, she married Larry Heemstra at Middleburg. The couple farmed northeast of Primghar.

Mrs. Heemstra was a member of the American Reformed Church; she was a Sunday School teacher for many years, and was a member of the Women's Guild.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Jerry of Pella, Dennis, Greg and Todd, all of Primghar; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiersema of Orange City; one brother, Ivan of Cherokee, and one sister, Mrs. Dale (Mary) Wurpts of Orange City.

GERTRUDE (KLEIN '09) FISHER, 94, of Orange City died in a nursing home in George. Mrs. Fisher was born July 26, 1890 and married Dr. Edward Fisher January 1, 1914. He died in May, 1950.

She was a member of the American Reformed Church where she taught Sunday School and Catechism. She served as executive secretary of Siouxland Sunday School Association for 46 years. She served as secretary and treasurer of the Sioux City Gospel Mission for 38 years where she was the editor of the *Cheerful Giver*.

She was also active in the NW

Women's Auxiliary and just recently had a private meeting room named in her honor.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Robert of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Henry Klein of Orcutt, Calif.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

('40) EDWARD HOFMEYER of Spirit Lake died October 5, 1983. Mr. Hofmeyer attended school in Sanborn and Archer and followed high school by enrolling at Northwestern. He was married on January 19, 1945, to Marguerite Peterson. They moved to Sheldon in 1951 and was a self-employed dairy cattle dealer. The couple retired in Spirit Lake.

Survivors beside his wife are Mrs. Dyan Sterk ('69), Jerry Hofmeyer, both of Sheldon, and four grandchildren.

('78) MARLIN ROHLFS died on August 24, 1984 near Hawarden, Iowa. Mr. Rohlf was born in Hawarden, Iowa, on May 6, 1954. He attended local public schools and graduated from West Sioux High School in 1972. He attended Northwestern College and graduated in 1978. After graduation, he accepted a teaching position at Jefferson, South Dakota, where he taught history and government at the high school. After teaching at Jefferson for two years, he moved back to Hawarden, Iowa, where he owned and operated the House of Rohlf's shoe store until the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother Lila of Hawarden, two brothers Dennis of Omaha, Nebraska, and Ron of Dallas, Texas. His father Alvin is deceased.

## COLORADO

'76 BERWYN STOEL a printmaker from Denver, Colorado, exhibited his works in the TePaske Art Gallery in the RSC during the month of October. He received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb.

## ILLINOIS

'72 LARRY LOVEN has been elected a board member of Manitouqua Ministries at Frankfort, Illinois.

'57 Rev. Harold Vogelaar, an RCA missionary to Cairo, Egypt, is on a special one-year assignment to a cluster of seminaries in Chicago, Illinois. He is teaching courses on Islam and is also doing research and writing.

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## INDIANA

'72 **DAN TE GROTENHUIS** has been the director of Programs for Indiana Special Olympics since 1977. He is responsible for coordinating a year-round sports training and competition program for over 20,000 mentally handicapped athletes in Indiana. Dan and his wife, Allyson, have two children, Joshua, 5, and Abigail, 2, and live in Greencastle, Indiana.

'83 **SARAH (HARTMAN) YODER** and her husband, Scott, live in Middlebury, IN. Sarah has completed a 4-year nursing program at Goshen College and now works part-time as a registered nurse at Family Physicians in Middlebury.

## IOWA

'83 **KATHI (MORGAN) ACKERMAN** and her husband John, are living in Sioux City, IA. John is a lawyer in Sioux City and Kathi is a homemaker.

'78 **KIM (BOONE) ANDERSON** continues to teach second grade at the Sioux Rapids-Rembrandt elementary school.

'84 **KEITH** and Sharla **BOONE** have moved to Orange City from Sioux Center. Keith works in the purchasing department at K-Products. They have one child.

'71 **BRYAN BOONSTRA** was given a 1984 Ford Mustang at the national convention of Kirby dealers for his service in Northwest Iowa. He was also named a 'seat of honor' winner.

'79 **JAMES** and his wife **KIM (WALLER '80) CHRISTENSEN** are now living in Galva, IA. Jim is teaching at Galva-Hulstein School.

'71 **RON DE JONG** has been chosen to be included in the 1984 edition of **OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA**. These men are included because they distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. Ron is the Director of Admissions at NW.

'56 **HAROLD VAN DER WEIDE** recently joined the Development Staff at Northwestern College as Director of Church Relations. He formerly served as manager with Job Service of Iowa with offices located in Sioux City. He is an active member of the Reformed Church in America, having served as an elder in the Morningside Reformed Church of Sioux City. In 1980 he served as president of the West Sioux Classis. Harold and his wife, Rose, are the parents of four children.

'58 **DICK VAN HOLLAND**, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics at Northwestern, plans to continue work on his doctorate at the University of South Dakota this summer. His degree will be in education with emphasis on business education.

'62 **ELEANOR BLANKERS** of Sheldon, was recently elected district director of the Business and Professional Women at a district meeting held in Sheldon. The district represents eleven areas in northwest Iowa.

'65 **JOEL SYBESMA** has opened an auctioneering firm in Orange City. Sybesma, who has been in the livestock business for over 10 years, also has five years experience in conducting farm, livestock and household sales in Nebraska.

'66 **GARY DE KOTER** of LeMars, received a promotion to the office of President of Harker's in LeMars. De Koter began working for Harker's ten years ago as comptroller, later was promoted to Vice President of Finance, then Senior Vice President for Finance. Harker's has 600 employees.

'69 **BARRY BRANDT** of Glidden, Iowa, was named head track and assistant football coach at Northwestern College, a position formerly held by Mel Tjeerdsma. Tjeerdsma resigned to take the head football coaching position at Austin College, Sherman, TX. Brandt, head football and track coach at Glidden-Ralston High School, holds an impressive record at Glidden with a 12-0 record and the state 1-A championship in 1975. In 1980, his team was 9-0 and was ranked second in the final state poll. The team won seven conference championships in his 13 seasons there. Brandt compiled an 86-32 coaching record, won the 1976 Northwestern N-Club coaching award, the 1975-76 Omaha World-Herald High School Coach of the Year honor, and the 1981 Iowa Football Coaches Association coaching award. In 1981, he was an assistant coach in the Shrine football game. After graduation from NW, he taught and coached at George for one year. He spent the next school year at NW as head baseball and assistant football coach while Ron Juffer was on sabbatical. Since then, he has been at Glidden-Ralston. Barry and his wife, Lora, have three children; Cory, Jenny and Jill.

'69 **JAMES VOGELAAR**, news directors at KIOA-KMGK radio in Des Moines, received the Jack Shelley Award as Iowa's top broadcaster at the Iowa Broadcast News Association convention in Des Moines on May 5. Vogelaar has been with the radio stations since 1972, and has been news director since 1975.

'71 **DAN E. BOONSTRA** of Grand Junction, Iowa, has been promoted to Agency Director of the Life Investors of Iowa office at Ames. Dan was a former teacher with the East Greene Community School system and has been with Life Investors for the past seven years. He has been a member of Life Investors Fortunate Sales Club for six years, VIP Sales Club for three years, and last year was a member of the Life Investors President's Cabinet Club which took an eight day trip to the Netherlands. Dan is also president of the East Greene Community School Board. Dan's wife, Patricia Fahey Boonstra, is a learning disabilities instructor in the Gowrie School system. They have a seven year old son,

Nathan. Dan is the son of **NORMAN '44** and **VELMA (VAN DRIEL '47) BOONSTRA** of Orange City.

'71 **JEFF ZWAGERMAN**, who has taught English and speech at the Sibley High School for the past thirteen years, has accepted a position as assistant principal in the Carroll School System, Carroll, Iowa.

'74 **CINDY RUNGER** of Sheldon, was recently elected to the office of secretary-treasurer of the Business and Professional Women of northwest Iowa.

'75 **DOUG RITSEMA** of Orange City, a Republican State Senator in the State of Iowa, was one of a six member delegation to travel to India last April. The trip was sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, the American Council of Young Political Leaders and the India Youth Congress associated with prime minister Indira Gandhi's political party. The three Republicans and three Democrats on the tour represented Washington, D.C., Vermont, Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa. Four main areas of the country of India were visited—New Delhi, Bhopal, Bombay and Trivandrum. The main purpose of the trip was to encourage better relations between the governments of India and the U.S.

'36 **PROF. LAWRENCE VAN WYK** has served for the past 5 years on the RCA hymnbook committee. The new hymnbook, the first published solely by the RCA in at least 50 years, will be available in June during the General Synod meeting.

'49, '73 **MRS. ELINOR (DE BLAUW) NOTEBOOM** will have a screen print named "Floyd River Farm" on tour with the Iowa Arts Council Invitational for Printmakers, 1985. Elinor is presently studying at the University of South Dakota for an M.F.A. degree in printmaking.

'42 **EDNA (BLOM) ROGGEN** and her husband, **LEON ('42)** celebrated their 40th anniversary on December 29.

'77 **JOANNE (ABBINK) TRAVIS** and her husband, Daniel, are about to change their lives considerably. Dan has left the electronics business to return to college to prepare for full-time Christian work as a Christian Ed. Director of pastor. He is a Senior at

Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, and Joanne is working in the pension actuarial department of Bankers Life Insurance Co. in Des Moines. They have two children.

'51 **DR. STANLEY and DARLENE (DE BOER '52) VANDER AARDE** represented the GPC at the URBANA conference, Urbana, Illinois, Dec. 27-31. They answered questions about Reformed Church missions and met with RCA conference participants.

'83 **SHARLA VANDER WILT** has joined the staff at the Orange City Municipal Hospital as a physical therapist. She had worked in the cardio-pulmonary division of the physical therapy department of the University of Iowa Hospital.

'54 **DR. LYLE VANDER WERFF**, a professor of religion at NW, presented four lectures on "Cross-cultural Witness" to the Fellowship of Christian Missionaries at their annual conference held at Lake Ojiri, Japan, last summer.

'75 **ELWIN and BELVA (VANDER PLOEG '74) VAN GORP** live in rural Sheldon, where Elwin has served terms on the County Extension Board, the Farmers Elevator Board and the Farm Bureau Board. They have two children, Erica Beth and Ethan Boyd.

'61 **WAYNE VERMEER**, a Sioux Center high school teacher for the past 24 years, has been recognized as the first runner-up in the State Teacher of the Year contest. "People have asked why I'm still in teaching after 24 years, to which I reply, I've had chances at administrative jobs, but I just like teaching. The feeling you get from having helped someone is rewarding; it's something that the dollar can't buy."

**Editor's note: The class of 1961 was the first 4-year graduating class at NW. Since NW was not accredited at the time, the whole group had to take summer school courses to complete their certification. From this group already two have been honored by the State of Iowa as being exceptional teachers: Vermeer and Henry Veldhuis.**

'83 **BRENDA (SINKEY) Zahnley** and her husband James are living in Correctionville. Brenda is employed as a social worker at Colonial Manor in Correctionville.

'70 **HARRY TYSEN**, the Asbury Hospital chaplain, was elected president of the Kansas Assn. of Chaplains at the Association's meeting in Topeka. During his one-year term, Tysen will represent more than 150 chaplains and 75 institutions, including general and psychiatric hospitals, mental health centers, retirement and nursing homes, and correctional facilities. Association members serve as department heads, worship leaders, pastoral counselors and liaison to churches, schools and other educational agencies.

## KANSAS

'71 **DR. JERRY VAN ES**, a physician and surgeon in LeMars for the last 6½ years, will leave on March 1 for Wichita, Kan. Dr. Van Es will spend half his time teaching family practice courses to resident physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wichita. The hospital is affiliated with the University of Kansas. Van Es and his wife, Mary, have two sons, Nick, 10, and Joe, 7.

## LOUISIANA

'81 **MARY VAN RHEENEN** is now working on her Master's degree in Anthropology while working as an assistant at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Mary spent two years prior to this studying Native American Indians in Louisiana. She is the daughter of a Hawarden Reformed Church pastor and was supported in her research by the Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Penn.

## MICHIGAN

'69 MARY ANN (VANDER SCHAAF) KNOTT is now teaching 3rd grade at Borculo Christian School in Zeeland. She and her husband, Art, have 3 children, Joshua, 8, Rachel, 7, and Deborah, 3. Art has just received another degree from Western Michigan University in industrial management.

'37 REV. HENRY A. MOUW of Holland has been appointed Senior Pastor for the RCA's Board of Pensions in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Mr. Mouw will be responsible for periodic visitations to retirees on the rolls of the Board of Pensions.

## N-Club seeks new members

Check the appropriate items, clip and mail.

\_\_\_\_\_1. I desire "N" Club membership only, without a general admission pass. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00, payable to Northwestern College Alumni "N" Club.

\_\_\_\_\_2. I desire "N" Club membership and a general admission pass to Northwestern College athletic events. Enclosed is my check for \$20.00, payable to Northwestern College Alumni "N" Club.

\_\_\_\_\_3. I have not yet received an "N" Club membership pin.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Street\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State and  
Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

'59 DR. RICHARD MOUW will move from Calvin College in September of this year to Fuller Seminary, where he has been appointed professor of Christian Philosophy and Ethics.  
(see story page 9)

## MINNESOTA

'73 STEVE and JOYCE (ROZEBOOM '74) POMP are living in Tenstrike, where Steve is the pastor of Tenstrike Community Church and is also working with his father, the Rev. Jerold Pomp, in counselling.

'81 VERLE and DEB (IRWIN '83) REGNERUS have moved to Rochester from Eau Claire, WI. Deb graduated from college in December and is now working in the Mayo Clinic. Verle is teaching in Eyota, MN.

## NEBRASKA

'79 CHARLOTTE (SIEBERSMA) Iske and her husband, Robert, are living in Omaha, where he is associated with his father in State Farm Insurance Agency. Charlotte is regional marketing secretary and computer operator at Monsanto Agricultural Products Co.

## NEW JERSEY

'54 DR. ARIE BROUWER, the RCA's former General Secretary and recently Deputy General Secretary of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, has been named to the position of chief executive officer of the National Council of Churches.

## PENNSYLVANIA

'77 MARK and DARCY (LOVGREN '77) SPILDOOREN are both serving as chaplains in the U.S. Navy. They are the second couple in the history of the U.S. Navy who have joined the service together as chaplains.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

'63 MAJOR DARRELL VAN KLOMPENBURG is married to the former Cheri Katje; they have four children and live in Sumter, SC. Darrell has been in the Air Force 18 years. He was involved in selling the F-16 to Turkey and is preparing maintenance training programs for the "Star Wars" F-16.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

'84 RYAN and KIM (BRISTLEY '83) CORBIN are living in Sioux Falls. Ryan is teaching business Education and computer science at Sioux Falls Christian High School.

'77 JERRY KLUMPER, a photographer, exhibited works during the month of November the TePaske Art Gallery. Jerry is now a graduate student at the University of South Dakota. He is teaching at Elk Point, SD.

## WISCONSIN

SARA LUBBERS is teaching Elementary special education in Platteville, Wisconsin. She returned in June, 1984, after spending a year in Taiwan working with the Presbyterian Church and teaching English. This experience was part of the RCA Missionary intern program.

'82 KURT and DIANE (INSELMAN '81) RUBSAM are living in Cedar Grove. Kurt is employed at Donohue Analytical in Sheboygan as a field technician, and Diane is employed as an Activity Aid at Pine Haven Christian Home in Sheboygan Falls. (They were also a "NW Merger"—see story in merger section.)

'75 REV. PAUL W. WERNLUND accepted a call to the Trinity Community Church of Brown Deer and was installed December 9, 1984, by the classis of Wisconsin. Paul and his wife, Becky, have two boys, Joel, 4, and Jonathan, 22 months.



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